

# **Lalor East Primary School**

# **Grade 5/6 Area News**

# Term One 2019

Welcome back to LEPS for 2019! We hope all our families have enjoyed a pleasant and safe summer holiday. As with every year at Lalor East, 2019 in Grade 5/6 is packed with loads of learning, sporting activities and other opportunities to cater for each and every one of our students.

This year, the teachers in the 5/6 team are:

Lauren Menezes Room 17 Kristian Carrocci Room 21

Angela Pobjoy & Ruthi Aitken Room 19 Brad Jones Room 22



Term 1 is going to be very busy with Interschool Sport, the Alternative Sport Program, Science, Numeracy and Literacy testing and our Grade 5/6 Camp to Lady Northcote. There will also be plenty of learning happening in Term 1! Many of our grade 5 students find the move to

the upper school very challenging. There **is** extra homework to complete and students are expected to complete more work in class. If you feel your child is not coping or feeling stressed in any way at school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment for a chat.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13-15 February

Thursday 7 February

• Friday 22 February

Monday 1 April

Wednesday 3 April

• Friday 5 April

School Camp – 3 day camp to Lady Northcote

Interschool Sport after school training begins

Interschool Sports / Alternative Sports Program starts

Parent Teacher Interviews (3:40 – 8:00 pm)

Parent Teacher Interviews (3:40 – 6:00 pm)

Last Day of Term 1- students finish at 1:30pm

#### **LITERACY**

This year we will be implementing a new Reading program to improve reading and comprehension skills for our students. Testing is already underway so we can identify the students' strengths and areas for improvement. Our focus this term is building the ability to read independently and using strategies and skills to understand and analyse their chosen text. Students will focus on choosing and reading novels and texts that interest them from different genres. We will



also include the use of Literature Boxes, where students will read books that cater for their needs and focus on improving not only comprehension strategies but also vocabulary, grammar and spelling. Our main focus for writing this term will be to work on enriching our sentences with descriptive vocabulary and figurative language. We will also be working on using phrases and extending our sentences into paragraphs. Students will use their imagination and different stimuli to enhance their writing on a variety of different topics.

### **NUMERACY**

The main areas of study in Mathematics this term will be to:

- read and write numbers correctly and understanding their place value
- develop and strengthen mental strategies to solve problems
- use a formal algorithm layout for addition and subtraction
- use rules to round numbers and apply this to estimation
- use students' knowledge of times tables to understand factors, prime and composite numbers
- identify, continue and create number patterns using addition and subtraction
- read and interpret timetables, calendars and schedules
- estimate and measure angles using a protractor.

## **Science**

Our topic for term one is focused on the chemical sciences; 'What's the matter?'

Through hands on investigations, students will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They will plan and conduct a number of investigations of how properties of materials change with temperature.

The students will:

- classify substances according to their observable properties and behaviours
- list the observable properties of solids, liquids and gases
- explain in detail the observable properties and behaviours of solids, liquids and gases
- describe the observable properties of solids, liquids and gases.

# **INTERSCHOOL SPORT & ALTERNATIVE SPORTS PROGRAM (ASP)**

Each Friday morning, beginning 22 February, all students will be involved in sport. We held the trials for the cricket, softball, bat tennis and rounders teams in term 4 of 2018. Students who made these teams will compete against other schools in the area. All other students have the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Alternative Sports Program (ASP) which runs at YMCA Leisure City, Epping. Your child will have been given a permission note in the second week of term 1. Please ensure the permission note is returned on time so your child can attend the program as soon as possible.

### **BEHAVIOUR**

We believe the school values of Cooperation, Respect, Honesty, Caring and Personal Best set the standard and expectation that allows all students to work together and to perform to the best of

their ability. Each grade will develop a common set of expectations in collaboration with the students as an important part of our yearly Start Up Program. These classroom expectations will explicitly set out rewards and consequences for student behaviour throughout the year. Each child and parent will be asked to sign the classroom contract to show they agree to the



set expectations. Should you have any concerns, we ask that you contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to discuss them.

### **HOMEWORK**

During term 1, homework will be set each week focusing on both Numeracy and Literacy. Students in Grade 5-6 are expected to spend 20-30 mins reading daily, **as well as** completing set Mathletics and/or Literacy tasks on a weekly basis. Please become familiar with your child's homework and help them by setting a regular time and place for homework to be completed.

We look forward to working with you to give your child the best possible education for what's shaping up to be an exciting year ahead.

# SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

#### Art - Karren Moncur

The Year 5\6 students will be involved in a drawing unit to start the year. They will learn about the art elements Line, Shape and Space. These to see how to use the paper to best effect. Then we will move onto Form: creating 3D effects by shading the dark and lights. Students will then paint using different mediums and papers. They will paint a small canvas to finish the unit.

# Physical Education – Dean Sharples

During Term 1 the Grade 5/6 students will be learning and participating in Athletic events. These events include: sprinting, long jump, high jump, hurdles, shot put, discus, triple jump and relays. Students will be completing specific



drills for each of the events which are designed to improve their ability and technique. All students will be given the opportunity to try out for the sprints, hurdles, 800 metres and field events for our District Athletics Sports to be held on Tuesday 2 April. Successful students will receive more information prior to the event.

Please send your child to school wearing runners or sneakers on their P.E. day as this is the most appropriate footwear for the Multipurpose Centre.

#### Music – Luis Rios Gonzalez

In term 1, students will rotate in groups to learn basic skills on guitar, bass, keyboard, ukulele, drum kit and percussion. Students will use these skills to perform in groups that resemble a rock/pop band. They will also discuss different instruments' characteristics and the music styles they are best suited to. Added to that, students will be performing in small percussion groups, and reviewing some basic forms of music notation to create and write their own music. Children will also continue exploring music from different cultures around the world, especially from Africa and the Middle East.

GRADE	ART	MUSIC	PHYS/ED
5/6A - Kristian	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
RM 21	11:30-12:30	2:30-3:30	10:00-11:00
5/6B - Mr Jones	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
RM 22	2:30-3:30	10:00-11:00	11:30-12:30
5/6C - Ms Lauren	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
RM 17	11:30-12:30	2:30-3:30	10:00-11:00
5/6D - Mrs Pobjoy/Ms Aitken	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
RM 19	10:00-11:00	11:30-12:30	2:30-3:30