



Year 3/4 Community News

Welcome to our 2017 school year!

Learning Community Members

3/4B – Ben Webb
3/4C – Carolyn Cobain
3/4S – Simon Payton
3/4T – Tracey Hall
ES – Ann De Lima
ES – Sharon Stevens

Important dates

February

21 - Bollywood Incurtion
23 - Bollywood Night

March

7 – Camp information night
13 - Labour Day Public Holiday
31 - Last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm dismissal

Reminders:

Fruit and water - fresh fruit and a bottle of water keep students hydrated and alert.

Writer's Notebook - Collect and bring to school "seeds" (mementoes or information) that may be used for Writer's Notebooks.

Punctuality - Students should arrive at school at 8:50, ready to commence learning at 9:00. Students who arrive late miss out on important teaching time and it also distracts others from their learning.

Homework:

Next week your child will be receiving the first homework grid for the year. This is to be completed over the fortnight and signed by you before it is returned.

Reading - 20 minutes of nightly reading is an essential component of homework.

Mathletics – Is open for students to access challenges weekly, passwords will be handed out to students to access Mathletics at home.

Reading:

This term we will focussing on reading and comprehending fictional and persuasive texts. We will look at the range of structures and language features that these texts display. This will assist in preparing students for writing sessions. We will also be revisiting all of the comprehension strategies, including predicting, making connections, summarising, inferring and asking questions. Students will also be part of weekly reading groups and regular one-on-one conferences with their teacher where they will be given an individual reading goal.

Writing:

This term we are beginning our writing workshops by establishing individual Writer's Notebooks. Students will be taught the structures and language features of a range of narratives and persuasives, and will plan, draft, revise, edit and publish their own narrative and persuasive texts. Students will have their own individual spelling words that they will need to practise weekly as well as participating in class spelling investigations.

Mathematics:

Students will participate in maths sessions that focus on place value, addition and subtraction strategies. We will also be investigating time, shape, chance experiments and collecting and interpreting data. We encourage the use of Mathletics to support students' learning at school.

Inquiry Topic:

Our inquiry unit this term, 'My Best Self', teaches students to get the best out of their abilities and build positive relationships with others. We will be looking at:

- Understanding how to get the best out of ourselves and how we best learn
- Goal setting – set meaningful, achievable goals
- Understanding our emotions and what they look/feel like
- How to deal with their emotions in a positive way
- How does the way we deal with these emotions affect the way we react to situations and other people?
- How to deal with challenges – resilient/persistent
- Positive relationships with others - Working cooperatively in teams

Camp:

Camp this year is to Camp Oasis in Mt Evelyn on the 14th to 16th of June. We will be holding a parent information session on the 7th of March at 6pm.