



3/4 NEWSLETTER

Term 4, 2023

Students have had a great two weeks back and have settled in amazingly. Their love of learning and excitement has shown and they have had such a strong start to Term 4. We are so proud of all their hard work!

Reading:

Term 4 is an exciting time in reading. We are consolidating all of our reading goals and working hard towards our end of year testing. In class we are going to be concentrating on Non-Fiction texts and the features that can be used. Students are learning to notice how an author organises their information and how to keep their readers engaged. Students will also be working hard on deepening their thinking and responding to different stories and texts on a more personal level. Feeling empathy and trying to understand how others live, and the experiences we all could face will be a great learning experience for all.

Writing:

To compliment our Non-Fiction learning in reading, writing lends a hand to the informative style of writing as students will be researching and presenting an interactive Travel Expo experience in week 6. Students will be learning how to research from reputable websites and texts to write an informative and engaging booklet on different countries around the world. After this unit we will be moving into our multi genre unit where students will have the opportunity to explore different types of writing styles and write for enjoyment through narrative, persuasive, poetry, informative and many more.

Math:

In Term 4, we will be focusing on 'Patterns' and 'Mapping and Location'. Students will decipher and create their own number patterns using a range of different operations. This unit will further students knowledge of fractions and decimals. Mapping and Location will be through reading and drawing different maps, grids and understanding cardinal directions (North, South, East and West). This unit will expand students vocabulary and allow them to understand how to give and follow specific directions. Interims are approaching and this can be a daunting process for students, rest assure these tests are to gain an understanding of what they have learnt throughout the year, however teachers discretion is always used when finalising their growth at the end of the year.

Travel expo:

On the 10th of November students will be presenting their Travel Expo Informative unit. Students will be displaying their country information booklet and slide show. Students are encouraged to bring food and artifacts connecting to their chosen country. Please note we are NOT ABLE to heat food. This is an extremely exciting time and the students have been working incredibly hard on their presentations. If you can make it along at 9-9:30am we would greatly appreciate it. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Bike Ride

A 3/4 tradition is ending our year with a super fun bike ride and dip in the Yarra Junction pool. This is a fantastic opportunity to stretch our legs and enjoy the warmer summer weather. If your child isn't a strong rider, please don't be disheartened. We have plenty of teachers on hand to ride as slowly as needed to ensure everyone gets to the pool. If this is not possible, students can be dropped off and picked up directly from the Yarra Junction Sports Centre. Even the option of riding one way is possible. We encourage you to check over your bikes now! Pump up the tires, oil the chains, check the bell to make sure it is in tip top condition for the day. More news and updates will be coming soon.

Attendance:

It is crucial that students attend school every single day. This helps them to achieve their personal best academically, but also helps them to grow and build strong and lasting friendships. Please inform your child's teacher if you have any planned holidays and do your best to ensure your child comes to school every day and on time. If you have any attendance concerns with your child such as anxieties or school refusal, please contact the welfare team or your child's teacher promptly so we can support you through this and help to make sure all students are happy to come to school.

Important Dates:

27/10 - Whole school Spelling Bee
30/10 - Curriculum Day
7/11 - Melbourne Cup PH
10/11 - Travel Expo
12/12 - Step up day
13/12 - Bike ride
15/12 - Enterprise Market
19/12 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023

Spelling Bee:

Students have been working hard in the classroom to compete in the whole school Spelling Bee. Two students from each year level, per grade will progress to the whole school Bee on the 27th. We are super proud of how well the students have been understanding the rules. Based on traditional spelling bee's students are given words in a particular order. Therefore, it is luck of the draw what word they will be asked to spell when it is their turn. Best of luck to them all!

Summer Weather

In Term 4 students are required to wear a hat outside at all times. Please ensure your child has a clearly named hat that they can wear outside at recess and lunch each day. Please ensure your child is not at school before 8:30am. Teachers are not supervising the yard before this time and students are not allowed inside before the bell.

Homework:

This term, homework will still consist of reading, a life skill and a small activity to help students practice skills we are learning in the classroom. Homework is sent home each Tuesday and is due back the following Monday. It is important for students to complete their homework as it helps them to practice their newly learnt skills at home and understand them deeper. Students who are handing their homework in on time will now be rewarded with step ups and prizes. There will be no homework in the last week of term.

New school opening!

We are only weeks away from cutting the opening ribbon to our new school. 3/4s are extremely excited to use the new facilities. Although we are not moving our classrooms we will still enjoy the new specialist classrooms, school front offices and toilet facilities. Our curriculum day on the 30th of October will be a busy day for teachers as we set up new classrooms and areas.

Wish us luck!