



Year 3/4 Team Parent Newsletter - Term 2 2018

Dear Year 3/4 Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 with the year 3/4 unit. We've been back for a few weeks now and are well into Film Festival and NAPLAN preparation amongst many other learning activities. The students have settled back in well and appear confident and relaxed. In this Grade 3/4 newsletter, we intend to provide a summary of the Term two happenings and some details about the remainder of this busy term. We look forward to you joining us during this exciting time.

As a reminder for the structure of our day, at Newport Lakes Primary School we have a one hour reading, writing and mathematics session each day. Our four specialists and science, health and inquiry make up the school week.

Literacy

For the first half of this term, the Literacy focus is structured around stages of the film making process, with students exploring script writing, storyboarding, character development and plot. Students will also explore a range of narrative and persuasive texts and create their own.

In Reading sessions, students will be working in small groups to develop their comprehension of texts read. They will develop their skills in the core areas of: predicting, clarifying, inferring, questioning and summarising.

In Writing sessions, students will work through all stages of the writing tracker: planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing to create narrative and persuasive texts.

As part of weekly homework, students will also continue to receive ten spelling words a week. The students have been introduced to a range of fun activities to practise their spelling words with.

NAPLAN preparation will also see students complete a range of NAPLAN style questions in the areas of reading and language conventions. They will also be provided with some writing prompts in the NAPLAN testing style.

Numeracy

In Mathematics the students will work on developing their mathematical understandings on a variety of topics. They will work independently and in small groups on a range of activities that will support and challenge their learning. The mathematics sessions will continue to follow the structure that they are familiar with including a warm up, introduction, independent or small group work and a share time where the students discuss their learning. Topics to be

covered this term are:

Perimeter and Area

Two and three dimensional shapes

Time

Temperature and Integers

Mapping

Angles

Mass and capacity

Naplan preparation

Term Two Excursion - Measuring Marvelous Melbourne will be an excursion where the children will be required to measure various places or objects as they make their way around the CBD. Using both formal and informal units, the children will work in small teams to be the most accurate in their answers.

Inquiry - How does design influence the message?

At Newport Lakes Primary School, students take part in two, one-hour Inquiry lessons each week. Inquiry teaching and learning encourages the students to ask questions and search for meaning. The inquiry process activates thinking on many levels and in many forms which encourages students to think about the world around them in order to make meaning. Students will begin the term learning about key inquiry skills of thinking, evaluating, collaborating, negotiating, self-management, time-management, research and communication. In doing this, we are setting the students up for their inquiry learning during the term and year.

During Term 2 students will be focusing on the topic of design, to be linked with the 3/4 Film Festival. It will have a specific focus on the Victorian Curriculum domains of Design, Creativity and Technology, The Arts, Critical and Creative Thinking and Digital Technologies. During this topic students will investigate design principles and consider the following questions:

- How can we use design principles to influence the message we send in our short films?
- How can we design appropriate costumes and sets for our individual films?
- What keys ideas to we want to portray in our films and how can we best send those messages?

During this term students will consider the following key understandings:

- That technology can be used to communicate a message
- Different design elements exist to communicate to an audience (lighting, costumes, set, music/sound, script writing)
- Design elements are used to inform, entertain and persuade an audience

Homework

In Grade 3 and 4 the homework expectations for our students are:

- 30 minutes of reading at least 3 times per week
- Practising spelling words
- Practising times table
- Other project assignments that may be handed out throughout the year

Homework will be given out weekly, with a break over the NAPLAN period.