Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! It has certainly been cold and wet, however we are looking forward to a great term. We hope your holidays were full of fun, family time and relaxation.

Term 2 was extremely busy and the students produced some outstanding projects on Barwon Heads. Some highlights included:

- Visiting the Lobster Pot.
- The SEDA Football clinics.
- ANZAC day service.
- Presenting our projects and sharing our work in Student Led Conferences.
- Cross Country.

All students have continued to work hard on their Literacy and Numeracy goals and proudly shared their work during their student led conferences. The Grade 3 teachers were so proud of all students and their achievements.

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

**DIARY USAGE**
Please remember to use school diaries as a means of recording the reading your child does each night. Please also use them as a means of communicating any information your child’s teacher may need to know.

**HOMEWORK**
Please support your child to complete their spelling and Mathletics homework each week. Students are encouraged to practise their Words Their Way sorts by sorting the words according to their spelling patterns, writing the words in sentences and participating in the Mathletics set tasks each week to enhance their spelling and problem solving skills. It is important that students in grade 3 continue to read daily and participate in Study Ladder activities on a weekly basis.

**GRADE 3 CLASS BLOGS**
Students in grade 3A and 3B have been blogging and sharing their learning online. We would love for families to have a look at our learning. Feel free to send us a comment!

- 3B: http://misspetzblog.global2.vic.edu.au/
- 3C: http://mrburdess.global2.vic.edu.au/

**PARENT HELPERS**
The Grade 3 learning community are looking forward to having parent helpers in our classrooms again. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are interested in helping out.

3B will continue with the Parent helper timetable that was created last term, however should you wish to alter your time/day or sign up, please email or see Miss Petzierides.

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Specialist classes & Timetable

Monday– Library at 12:00pm, Indonesian at 12:30Pm
Tuesday– Art at 11:30am
Wednesday– Physical Education at 11:30pm
Thursday– Music at 12:30pm
Friday– Assembly

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students have been provided with a username and password to log in to the Premier’s Reading Challenge and record the books they have read. Each child is encouraged to read a minimum of 15 books, 10 of which need to be from the Premier’s Reading Challenge shortlist. This list can be found on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Happy Reading! URL: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/

Barwon Heads— “You Can Do It” (YCDI) Keys

At Barwon Heads Primary School we pride ourselves on upholding the 5 YCDI Keys—Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

In Grade 3, we expect these values to shine through not only in class activities but during recess, lunch and outside of school. We have high expectations regarding this to ensure our year level remains a respectful and happy team at all times. Please help us to support your child in developing their independence in all areas of their life.

EXCURSIONS/CAMPS

This term, the Grade 3s will be going on camp from the 7th-9th of September. It will be great for students to develop their independence and social skills while enjoying the fun activities planned! We will continue to keep you posted in the coming weeks with permission notes and further details to follow.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM...

Grade 3

July 29th– LOTE Day
August 11th– Grade 3/4 Hooptime
August 12th– Grade 3-6 House Athletics
August 18th- Book Week commences
September 7th-9th– Grade 3 Camp
September 18th– Last day of term 3
LITERACY

Students will continue to enhance their reading through developing different strategies from the CAFÉ program: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary.

There has been some amazing writing pieces produced through the Writer’s Workshop program. The Grade 3 teachers were particularly impressed with the Poems written and illustrated by the grade 3 students last term. Some of their pieces have been presented through student-led conferences and some are displayed around the classroom. This term there will be a big focus on Information Reports and Book reports. Students will be encouraged to revise and edit their work to enhance the quality of their writing.

NUMERACY

The Grade 3 students worked extremely hard on developing their number skills and problem solving in preparation for the NAPLAN tests last term. We congratulate all students on their hard work and look forward to seeing their progress this term.

Topics that will be covered in Maths this term include:

- Fractions and decimals
- Multiplication and Division
- Time
- Place Value
- Measurement
- 2D/3D Shapes and symmetry
- Problem solving

We strongly encourage our students to continue to practise their addition/subtraction/division and times tables at home to help consolidate their understanding of the four operations.

INQUIRY

The Grade 3 students are investigating Day and Night this term. This topic will allow children to develop their understanding of how the sun, earth and moon effect the tides, seasons and time (day and night).

WORDS THEIR WAY

This term students in grade 3 will continue to develop their spelling and grammar development through Words Their Way sorts. Students are encouraged to practice reading, sorting, writing and defining the words in their sort each week, both at home and school.

Fun ways to practise your words:

Spelling Menu

Choose from the activities below to help you to learn your times tables.

- Write your words in alphabetical order.
- Write your words in Rainbow colours.
- Write a sentence for each word.

- Write your words with red vowels and blue consonants.
- Write your words with a rhyming word next to them.
- Write your words in Capital letters.

- Practice your sort and write it out. Read each word aloud.
- Speed sort your words. Ask someone to time you as you sort your words.
- Use the dictionary to define your words in your word sort.