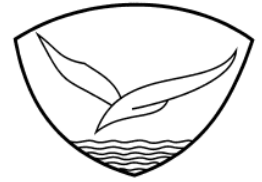


# GRADE 3/4 NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
5/11/18	Report Writing Day
6/11/16	Melbourne Cup Day
8/11/18	Queenscliff Excursion



"Consider Others"

## Unit Information

Welcome back to term 4, we hope that all parents and students had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Thankyou to parents who attended the Open Morning/Evening during Literacy and Numeracy Week and took the opportunity to share their child's learning time with them. Last term the children enjoyed buddy reading, cross grade sharing involving Literacy and Numeracy activities and a Book Character Dress Up Day.

Most children in the 3/4 unit also participated in the Intensive Swimming Program at the Bay Fit Swim Centre. These children learnt valuable swimming skills and will now have the opportunity to practise their water safety.

Students will continue to wear hats this term as recommended by the Anti - Cancer Council. If you would like for your child to apply sunscreen please apply this at home or contact your child's classroom teacher.

Homework tasks will continue to be sent home each Thursday and will need to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Reading at home each night is also an important part of their learning.

Teachers will be busy in Term 4 writing reports. Please ensure your child's portfolio has been returned to school, as your child needs to place more examples of their learning in their portfolio.

Preparations for the end of year concert are underway. The concert will be held at Altona North Primary School on Thursday the 6th of December. As the term progresses more information will be placed in the school's weekly newsletter.



## English

In reading, students will continue to expand their knowledge of genre types. They will further develop their comprehension strategies through inferring, visualising, summarising and clarifying texts. They will also be revisiting the text structures and features of Persuasive Letters and Information texts.

In writing, students will continue to experiment with the text structures and features of Information texts while refining their skills. Students will develop arguments in oral and written formats using supportive evidence for persuasive letter writing. Students will continue to learn their Oxford Words and words taken from their own personal writing. Students will be investigating spelling patterns and sounds.

## Mathematics

Students will be further developing their knowledge in the following strands: Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability

Students will continue to develop their Problem Solving Strategies knowledge while completing Open Ended Tasks. They will be extending their Number skills through Multiplication and Division and linking them with the Perimeter and Area of shapes, Fractions and Decimals.

This term, students will be looking at tessellations, transformations, slides and turns of shapes. They will be investigating location language, map reading and directions.

Students continue to develop experiences in the areas of Capacity, Volume and Mass with links to the wider curriculum.



## Inquiry

### Inquiry Topic for Term 4 LIVING THINGS"

This term grades 3 and 4 students will be looking at the **SCIENCE** topic of "Living Things".

**WE WANT STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND:**

Living things depend on the environment and each other to survive.



#### MAJOR TOPIC UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ How do you distinguish between a living and a non-living thing?
- ◆ What are the key stages of the life cycles of living things?
- ◆ Why do living things depend on other living things to survive?
- ◆ How do physical, biological and human factors influence the survival of living things?



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We look forward to your continued support.

Many thanks from the Grade 3/4 Team.