

BIRRALEE NEWS

Welcome back to TERM 2 – 2019

Relationships

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 of the school year. We hope you had a lovely Easter with friends and family. In the first few weeks will be concentrating our efforts on preparing the Year 3s for the NAPLAN testing. Although, the year 4s do not sit the test this year, our 'boot camp' serves as additional revision and preparation for their Year 5 test.

Literacy

We continue to encourage all Birralee students to read every night. Please remind your child to bring their green reading record books in each week to be checked by their classroom teacher. In writing we will be exploring persuasive writing and poetry. If you have any books of poetry please bring them in to share. In spelling we continue to learn about the many spelling rules in English, as well as how words are formed (morphology) and word origins (etymology). Your child will have brought home their Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge login, so log every book your child reads so we can achieve 100% participation in the Birralee.

Numeracy

Term 2 term begins with a thorough revision of all the Maths concepts in preparation for NAPLAN. We will then cover subtraction and multiplication. Blitzmaster continues to be a weekly practice of their automatic recall of times tables.

Inquiry

Look at What We've Got is the title of our Term 2 unit of inquiry and deals with the concept of Sustainability. Students will consider the importance of habitats and how animals have adapted to their environment. They will also investigate how we can help endangered animals to survive. A visit to Healesville Sanctuary has been planned.

Homework The Birralee's homework will continue in the same format and will include a section on Inquiry. Maths homework tasks will be set on Mathletics and we encourage participation in this element of homework as the tasks will serve to reinforce the learning that takes place at school and also provides an opportunity for parental involvement.

ICT The program will continue to include: folder management, safety and privacy awareness, editing and formatting within Microsoft apps, presentations with photo and graphics inserts, animations, 3D graphics and coding.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 24th. April.
Anzac Assembly 3 pm

Thursday, 25th. April...
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Friday, 10th. May
**Mothers & Special Friends
Breakfast.**

Monday 13th – Friday 24th. May
NAPLAN TESTING

Friday 17th. May
CURRICULUM DAY

Friday 31st. May
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Monday 27th. – Friday 7th. June
**BIRRALEE SWIMMING
PROGRAM (no swimming Weds)**

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.
RUGBY UNION CLINICS

Monday, 10th. June.
QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 11th. June.
**HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY
EXCURSION**

Friday 28th. June.
LAST DAY OF TERM 2:30

Warm regards,

The Birralee Team

Mrs. Vicki Middleton, Mrs. Christine Hulse, Mr. David Hewet