

BIRRALEE NEWS

Welcome back to TERM 3 - 2019

Relationships Respect Responsibility Resilience

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you've all survived the cold snap experienced over the holidays. Perhaps some of our families managed to get to sunnier shores during the break? Term 3 has lots going on, as always, but of course the diamond in the crown will be The Production.

Literacy – All our literacy lessons will follow the EDI model, whereby new concepts are introduced and taught explicitly with numerous opportunities for our students to practice new skills with regular review and feedback to ensure all skills are consolidated before we move on to the next concept.

This term we will focus on some of the more complex reading strategies such as recognizing cause and effect, drawing conclusions about what we read and making inferences and distinguishing between fact and opinion. In grammar we will be covering all elements of punctuation, verb tenses and learning to use apostrophes correctly. In writing we will be reviewing information reports, narrative and explanation text types. The explicit teaching of spelling rules, etymology (the origin of particular words) and morphology (the parts of words) form the basis of our spelling program. Students will be learning some New rules and strategies to help them spell those more complex words that don't seem to fit the rules they may have learnt previously.

This term we will also be celebrating Book Week through our annual Book Week parade and Classroom activities. We encourage all students to continue to enter all the books they read for the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. If anyone has lost their login please ask your teacher for another copy.

Numeracy - In Number, we will cover Multiplication, Division and Fractions & Decimals. We will also be doing Angles & Shape, Location & Transformation, Money and Problem Solving. There are five Maths lessons per week and reviewing past lessons will become a major focus of our program this term.

Inquiry – Someone Else's Shoes is the title of Term 3's unit of Inquiry and students will learn about social justice issues experienced by people with disabilities. They will learn about the role that rules and laws play in our community as they share their opinions about existing laws. Students will research a disability and write creatively about an important day in the life of someone who has the disability that they have researched.

TERM THREE

Dates to Remember

Thursday, 26th. July
Golf Incursion

Monday, 5th. Aug.
**Aboriginal & TSI
Children's Day**

Friday 16th. Aug.
**Whole School Athletics
Carnival**

19th. – 23rd. Aug.
Book Week

22nd. Aug. – 12th. Sept.
**Hook in 2 Hockey
Clinics**

Friday 30th. Aug.
**Father's Day & Special
Friends Breakfast
and
District Athletics
Carnival.**

Thursday 5th. Sept.
**Curriculum Information
Night** 6pm-7pm

Friday, 13th. Sept.
Curriculum Day

Thursday 19th. Sept.
**Chelsea School
Production**

Friday, 20th. Sept.
Footy Colours Day
(10am Parade).
And
End of Term

PE/Sport – Miss McDonald has planned for a Golf Clinic in Week 2 which will be something different for us this year as well as 4 clinics with Hook in 2 Hockey for Weeks 6-9. With our Whole School Athletics Carnival in August, most PE classes will be focusing on training up for the Carnival and the District Athletics Day.

Production – Ideas are being floated and planning is under way in all Birralee classes for this year's Production and your child's teacher will soon be calling for parent helpers to assist with costumes/props etc.

Homework – Homework will continue along the same lines as previous terms and will include research on our unit of inquiry. The first homework rubric will come home next Tuesday (23rd).

Kind regards,

Vicki Middleton. Chris Hulse & David Hewet.

The Birralee Team