

2020 Level 5 Newsletter - Term 1

The Level 5 Team

Welcome to Year 2020. We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the school year ahead. Our Level 5 team for 2020 is Brooke Cincurak 5/09, Meggie Andrews 5/10, Jackie O'Neill 5/11 and Kim Zerafa 5/12. Our specialists are Sue Burt (P.E), Kellie Rose (Art), Jenny Barnett (Performing Arts), Dianne Pendlebury (Music) and Alena Schneider (Indonesian).



Focus for the year

We strive to empower all our students to develop lifelong learning skills. We praise individual effort and encourage our students to persist, and believe that they can all achieve their learning goals. We also encourage our students to develop independence and responsible attitudes which will assist them in making a positive transition to high school.

Important dates for 2020

NAPLAN - 12th - 14th May

Camp (Sovereign Hill, Ballarat) 10th - 12th June

Communication

We are currently using Dojo, phone calls or pre-arranged meetings to communicate with parents. If your child is absent, our first preference for notification is via the Sentral Parent Portal or via phone call to the front office, if this is not possible, please provide a written note as soon after the absence as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school and leave a message or a voicemail.

Learning Focus for Term 1

English

Reading

Students will be continuing with the CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, Expand Vocabulary) Reading Strategies. Explicit mini lessons are facilitated, students then apply the strategies to further improve their reading skills. The Daily 5 structure (Word Word, Listen to Reading, Read to Self, Read to Someone and Work on Writing) allows students to practice their individual goals.

Writing

In preparation for NAPLAN, Level 5 will focus on the narrative and persuasive text structures. During our writing sessions, students will have the opportunity to unpack the features of each text type and learn how to utilise them effectively to enhance reader interest.

Spelling

During our spelling sessions, students will continue to develop their knowledge of phonemes and spelling rules while studying their spelling lists. Students will be encouraged to strive for excellence by considering word origin while practising their spelling.

Mathematics

During term 1 our Number and Algebra focus will be place value. This includes expanding, renaming and rounding numbers to one million. Students will be developing the ability to recognise, order and represent decimal numbers beyond hundredths.

Students will also be revising the addition, subtraction and multiplication algorithms. We will be focussing on applying all mathematics concepts taught to open ended problems. The children will be exposed to a range of strategies to solve mathematical problems. rded problems.

Inquiry

Humanities - Geography

This term we will be investigating the continent of Asia by asking 'Are Neighbours Important?'. The children will be looking at the geography of the continent as a whole as well as undertaking an inquiry of their chosen Asian country. They explore the geography of that country as well as the economic, social and cultural characteristics of their chosen country.

Science - Physical

This term we look at light and conduct a number of experiments to explore how light is absorbed, reflected and refracted. The students are involved in the scientific process by predicting the outcomes of experiments and then conducting and recording results. They will then be asked to interpret their results and draw appropriate conclusions.

ICT

With access to school laptops and our BYOD program, students will incorporate ICT into many aspects of their learning: Inquiry, Maths, Science and Literacy will facilitate contemporary learning and development.

Wellbeing

Our school is totally committed to ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of every member of our school community. Langwarrin Park Primary has partnered with Elisabeth Murdoch College, Langwarrin Primary and Woodlands Primary to create the **Langwarrin Positive Education Network**. Together, we strive to improve wellbeing at a school and community level.

Positive Education brings together best-practice teaching with the science of Positive Psychology, to help all students reach their academic and personal potential. THRIVE also incorporates the KidsMatter wellbeing framework to help plan, evaluate and continually improve our practices and procedures.

Information for parents & carers will be made available to help support families learn how to adopt principles of positive psychology at home. Keep an eye out on the Newsletter and our Website for information and don't forget to visit the school library to borrow from a range of resources specifically for parents and carers.

Homework

During the first term this year, students are expected to complete two Cyber Safety activities to ensure safe and respectful interaction when online. They are encouraged to complete at least one hour of reading per week and record this in a reading log. Students will be receiving spelling words on a regular basis and will have an exciting project to complete. Our project this term is a Literacy Showbag where they will give an oral presentation of a text, using prompts and visual aids to assist.