



Welcome to Term 2 2018!

Term 2 is a busy term in Level 4. Students will be involved in a variety of activities throughout this term including School Photos, Cross Country, Education Week, Grandparent's Day, the grade 5/6 Film Festival and Interschool Sports. As a level we will be visiting Upper Yarra Secondary College to give the students a taste of life in High School later in the term. Additionally, Grade 5 students will complete NAPLAN testing during week 5.

Behaviour

Term 2 will provide grade 5 and 6 students opportunities to continue developing their leadership skills through a variety of activities. We would expect that all students continue to meet the school behaviour expectations and demonstrate exemplary behaviour and act as role models to the younger students at Launching Place. To support this we will continue to focus on our three key ideas of 'Be a Learner', 'Be Respectful' and 'Be Safe' within all areas of the school.

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ENGLISH

Reading

Students will continue to work towards individual goals using the CAFÉ strategies and framework. They will be provided with the opportunity to join in with Literature Circles, Guided Reading, Teacher Conferences and Peer Conferences. This will allow them to further develop their skills in this area. Additionally all grades will be reading and analysing a class novel. Through these sessions we will explore themes, study story structure and language features, analyse characters and find evidence within the text to support our claims.

We would encourage all children to read for enjoyment and expect that home reading occurs on a regular basis. Please visit your local library, if you haven't already done so. With your library login you are now able to download books electronically direct to your device. Please visit www.erl.vic.gov.au for more information.

Writing

This term we will explore persuasive writing, focusing on persuasive pieces such as essays, speeches, opinions, and advertisements. Students will learn to create persuasive pieces of writing using the Writing Process (Pre-Writing, Drafting, Revising, Editing, and Publishing). They will explore the crafting techniques of persuasive writing and consider how to use the 6+1 Traits of writing to improve their writing.

Speaking and Listening

Speaking and Listening is a vital component of the English program. In order to improve their speaking and listening skills, your child will be encouraged to participate in different activities which may include:

- Circle time – Many Circle Time activities require students to take turns, listen to their peers and think on the spot.
- Reflection activities – Activities that develop oral language and presenting skills will be included in the regular reflection activities. These activities will include partner, group and whole class sharing of thoughts and ideas.
- Speaking at assembly – Students will be provided with the opportunity to participate in assembly presentations including sport's reports, school activities and other reports.
- Public speaking – Students will be provided with different opportunities to practice their public speaking skills through excursions and school events such as open nights and whole school events.

MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics program at Launching Place Primary School is designed to cater for each child's individual needs. To ensure all students experience success, maths classes may take several different approaches. These include group work with focussed teaching circles, hands-on, real-life activities, computers for skill building and problem solving, and open-ended, rich learning tasks.

Throughout the term, children will be pretested and then separated into differentiated learning groups. They will then work at their level to target the next step in their learning. This provides students with an opportunity to experience a variety of teaching styles and approaches as they work with different teachers across the topics covered this term.

This term we will revise and build on understandings such as:

Number and Algebra

- Fractions, Decimals & Percentages
- Factors and Multiples
- Prime, Composite and Square and Triangular numbers

Measurement & Geometry

- 2D and 3D Shapes
- Angles

Statistics & Probability

- Chance
- Graphing and collecting data

Automatic Recall

Mental Maths sessions as well as Blitzmasters will allow your child to improve their speed and accuracy when recalling number facts.

Blitzmaster levels will be carried over from last year and progress will continue to be monitored.

INTEGRATED STUDIES – CHANGE DETECTIVES

Our Term 2 science unit, Change Detectives, will provide students with opportunities to explore physical and chemical changes to different substances. They will develop their understanding of factors that influence the rate of change and how environmental factors can affect their state of matter. They will be involved in hands-on activities and investigations and will identify and explain physical and chemical changes in everyday materials.

THE ARTS

This term The Arts will be held on Tuesdays. Students will receive an hour and half lesson each week that will combine elements of visual arts and performing arts, including music, drama and dance. In visual arts, students will explore the world of Zentangle. They will use fine liners to create patterns and shapes to fill areas and after plenty of practise, they will create their masterpiece. Students will be given a lot of freedom as they create a decorative bowl out of a material of their own choosing. Students will need to complete a design brief and experiment with different materials before deciding on their materials. In drama, students will participate in many improvisation acting games that encourage them to be creative and think quickly. In Music, students will explore different sounds and rhythms using the instruments and they will learn songs to be performed at assembly, Open Night and Grandparents Day. We will be holding a film festival on the Monday the 21st of May in the afternoon, where all video film clips will be show cased. All parents are invited and more information will be provided soon.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Phys Ed for these children will be held on Wednesdays. (5/6L on Mondays) They will also be involved in a sporting programs on some Friday afternoons. It would be great to see everyone wearing appropriate footwear on their PE days. School shirts and shorts or school tracksuits are ideal.

Second Term program will focus on the following:

1. The main focus at the beginning of the term will be Athletics, concentrating on developing skills for the cross country event in mid May.
2. The major part of the term we will be working on Ball Handling Skills and applying these skills in modified games of the major sports.

The Aussie Sports Day is on Friday 1st June.

The annual Archery Program will be held in June.

Our Interschool Sports Program will also commence this term.

JAPANESE

Japanese will be held on Mondays. The topic for the grade 5/6 children this term will explore further in 'Sport'. They will learn how to generate simple sentences and respond to questions using the vocabulary of sport and colours. Students will also create their own 'Footy Jumper' / 'Leotard' design on a worksheet which requires writing in Japanese to indicate which colours they are. They will also be learning about the tradition called "Kodomo no Hi –Children's Day" and making an Origami Samurai Helmet which is a symbol of that day.

HOMEWORK – Homework this term will be in the form of home reading as well as other assignments that will relate to our classroom teaching. Please see the attached homework planner for more information.

HOME READING - Students are expected to read at home and get their diary signed by a parent to indicate their home reading. A minimum of 3 signatures is required to indicate reading of 20 minutes or longer per week. This will be checked every Friday.

TISSUES – As we come into our cooler seasons we would appreciate it if each of our families could please supply a box of tissues for their child's classroom.

SNACK ATTACK – Please provide a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for your child to consume during snack attack time.

WATER - In order to learn at their best kids need to be hydrated. Students are encouraged to have a water bottle on their tables at all times.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 15th May – Thursday 17th May – NAPLAN (Grade 5 students only)

Friday 18th May – Cross Country

Tuesday 22nd May – Grandparent's Day

Wednesday 23rd May – Open Night

Friday 25th May – Grade 5/6 Film Festival

Friday 1st June – Aussie Sports Expo

Monday 11th June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 25th June – Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday June 28th – End of Term 2. 2:30pm dismissal

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