

## COMING EVENTS

- March 2nd – Tabloid Sports day
- March 9th—Labour Day Public Holiday
- March 10th—CERES excursion
- March 26th—Athletics Carnival

## SWIMMING

This year's swimming program will run in Term 2 for our level. The exact date is still to be announced.

## DRINK BOTTLES

Hydrated brains work better! Encourage your child to bring in a drink bottle. Make sure their drink bottle is fully labelled, not leaking and full of water only.

## BRAIN FOOD

In Year 3 and 4 students are encouraged to bring Brain Food to school to leave in tubs on their table to munch on throughout the day when their brain needs some more energy. Please only send in items that grow on trees or in the ground. Please no nuts due to allergies!

## CLASSROOM HELPERS

We love, and need, your help! Please contact your child's teacher with times that you would be available to help. Please be aware that all parent helpers need to have a current Working With Children Check.

## SPORT

Year 3&4 sport consists of a PE lesson with Chris Steele and Wednesday afternoon sport with all Year 3/4 students and their teachers together. For the carnival it is important that your child is wearing runners and appropriate sports clothing on their sporting days. There are many exciting things happening for the Year 3/4's this year including our Athletics Carnival, Cross Country, Swimming Program, and Hooptime. For Year 3 and 4 students Billanook offers Afters School Basketball. It is an opportunity for students to play in a team outside of school, learn many basketball skills and have fun! The new season will begin soon. If your child is interested please contact Mr Chris Steele.

*Thank you for your support.*

*The Year 3/4 Team.*



# Year 3/4 Term 1 Newsletter

## WELCOME TO 2009!

This year we have a fabulous team of teachers in the Year 3 & 4 area:

- Pauline Murphy 3/4 21
- Jessica Denton 3/4 16
- Judy Seregin 3/4 20
- Angie O'Hare 3/4 19
- Rod Wilson 3/4 15

Throughout the year our team will meet regularly to plan an extensive program covering all aspects of the curriculum.

## CERES Excursion

Just a reminder to all that on the 10th of March all year 3 and 4 students will be going to CERES as part of our Energy unit. The students will explore different aspects of Energy and be involved in educational workshops throughout the day. The students have been working extremely hard, learning lots about the different forms of Energy and are really looking forward to the day.

For this excursion the students will need:

- FULL school uniform
- Play Lunch
- Lunch
- School Hat
- Water Bottle

We will be leaving Billanook at 8:50am and returning by 4pm.

**All students will need to be at school and in their classroom by 8:30am.**





## ASSESSMENT



Because our planning incorporates so many aspects, so does our assessment. Here are a few ways in which we will assess your child:

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| * Prepared test     | * Survey                 |
| * Checklist         | * Photograph             |
| * Portfolios        | * Questioning            |
| * Individual report | * Share Time             |
| * Self assessment   | * Conference             |
| * Group assessment* | * Anecdotal Records      |
| * Observation       | * Open-ended Questioning |

## INTEGRATED STUDIES

Over the year your child will be involved in completing work in the following curriculum areas:

- **ENGLISH** Reading, Writing, Spelling, Speaking & Listening
- **MATHS** Number, Space, Measurement, Chance and Data, Structure and Working Mathematically.
- **HUMANITIES** History and Geography
- **PHYSICAL, PERSONAL AND SOCIAL LEARNING**
- **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- **SCIENCE**
- **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**—classroom computers, interactive whiteboard, laptops and computer lab
- **ART** -Performing and Visual
- **LIBRARY**
- **LOTE** -German

## TERM THEMES



Each term we will have a new theme that our curriculum will be based around. This term we are studying Energy. The children will be investigating- What is energy? Where does it come from? and How do we use it? This theme will be integrated into all areas of the curriculum.

Next term our Theme will be Multiculturalism, followed by Footprints (sustainability focus) and then Gold.

## HOMEWORK

The Department policy states that the children will do 1/2 hour of homework each day, including reading practice.

Children will be receiving homework every Wednesday. It will be due back the following Wednesday. This is in the form of a homework grid. Activities in the homework grid will be slightly different each week.



## MATHS



Level 3 (Grades 3 & 4) plans and teaches a comprehensive maths curriculum, providing interesting and challenging activities. The dimensions we cover include:

- **Number**
- **Space**
- **Measurement, Chance and Data**
- **Structure**
- **Working Mathematically**

## LITERACY

Children participate and are assessed in the three dimensions of English:

- **Speaking and Listening**
- **Reading**
- **Writing**

Children in Year 3 will have a take-home book which will be collected from the classroom. They will also borrow material from the library. Children in Year 4 may also have a take-home book, which may be from the classroom or library. Children are also encouraged to read books from home and their local library. It is very important at this age that the children are reading aloud. Your child has a reading diary which needs to be filled in each night. Year 3 and 4 children are tested throughout the year on their comprehension of text and skills used in reading.

## CLUB 100

Club 100 is aimed at encouraging children to build their fitness and improve their health. Children begin with a warm-up of stretches and then run laps of the fitness track or the oval. The children really enjoy this part of the day.

## TRIBES

Our Tribes agreements are followed in every part of our school day. The agreements are:

- **Attentive Listening**
- **Mutual Respect**
- **Personal Best**
- **Appreciations/ No Put Downs**
- **Right to Pass**

These agreements form an integral part of our class behaviour plans.

## 3/4 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The year 3/4 Athletics Carnival will be held on the 26th of March at the Croydon Athletics track. Billanook has a fantastic record at the event thanks to the hard work and fabulous team spirit of our school. Parents are encouraged to come and help on the day. It is a wonderful day and we hope to see you there.

