

2017 - Grade 3/4 - Newsletter Term 2

Full of Energy

This term our integrated unit is about energy. Not only will this fit in with the schools focus on sustainability but also will help the students understand what energy is. Students will focus on the following key questions:

- What is energy and how is it created?
- What are the different types of energy?
- How and why should we use energy sustainably?



Spelling

You will have noticed that your child is given a list of spelling word sorts at the start of each term. These word sorts are based on the "Words Their Way" diagnostic test that is taken at strategic times during the school year. The information from the diagnostic tests is used to ascertain the appropriate next learning stage for each student's study of spelling.

Particular attention should be placed on the sorting of the words into the relevant categories and spotting any patterns. Students can also search for similar words in the texts that they read.

Reading

Students will continue to select and read texts that are just right for them. This means that the book is not too easy or too hard and importantly is interesting to them.

During Term 2 they will consider a range of CAFÉ reading strategies that will help them make inferences about a text.

One such strategy is "infer and support with evidence". This important strategy helps readers work out what is happening within a text even though it may not be directly stated. Another strategy is "determine and analyse author's purpose and support with text". This strategy supports readers to infer the meaning of a text based on the author's purpose, which may be to persuade, to inform or to entertain.

In addition, students will "tune in to interesting words" and "use pictures, illustrations and diagrams" as part of the integrated topic "Full of Energy"

Maths

Amongst the subjects covered during the Term students will be focussing on subtraction, 2D and 3D shapes, probability, place value, time and problem solving strategies.

Students will also be tested weekly on their times tables and are expected to be practising them at home.

Mathletics has once again been purchased by the school and is being offered for students to use at home to practice their math skills.

Writing (VCOP)

This term in Writing (VCOP) we will have a major focus on narrative texts in preparation for NAPLAN. In Term 1 students learned about the typical features of a persuasive text and either of these text types could be the focus of this year's writing test.

We will also be producing informative texts and continuing to work on all areas of VCOP (Vocabulary, Openers Connectives and Punctuation) through our regular Big Write and classroom writing sessions.

NAPLAN

This term the Grade 3's participate in NAPLAN. Testing is from the 9th to 11th of May and students will be tested in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. For more information please see your child's teachers or visit <http://www.nap.edu.au>

You Can Do It

The You Can Do It focus for term 2 is:



The Keys to Success and Happiness

© The Key to Success

During the term students will learn about the importance of persistence including a working definition of persistence and how it is linked to "giving effort".

Specialist Timetable

Art	3/4W	Wednesday	9:50 - 10:40
	3/4H	Wednesday	9:00 - 9:50
L.O.T.E.	3/4W	Wednesday	9:00 - 9:50
	3/4H	Wednesday	9:50 - 10:40
P.E	3/4W	Thursday	9:00 - 9:50
	3/4H	Thursday	9:50 - 10:40
Library	3/4W	Friday	11:10 - 12:00
	3/4H	Friday	12:00 - 12:50
Music (even number weeks)	3/4W	Monday	11:10 - 12:00
	3/4H	Monday	12:00 - 12:50
3/4 Sport-Teamwork	3/4W	Monday	2:25 - 3:15
	3/4H		

3/4 STOMP practice will be on Tuesdays (beginning week 6)

2017 Sustainability focus



Waste covers all the things that we no longer need. One way to produce less waste is to focus on reducing the amount that we produce. For example, we could use less packaging. Instead of buying foods that have wrapping we could buy food without packaging and make use of re-usable containers.

School Camp 2017

As you will already know, this year's grade 3/4 camp is at Camp Rumbug from 19th to 21st April. All documentation has been sent out and is available on the Grade 3/4 Newsfeed at the following location: http://www.bellevueps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=375

We look forward to a very successful camp.

School Arrival Time

Please note that school arrival time is 8:45 am! Any earlier, Before Care may be an option that you need to explore. If your child arrives after 9am please go via the office to collect a late slip.

Lunch and Snack Time

We continue to promote litter free lunches whenever possible. Any wrappers the students have in their lunchboxes are to go home again. The whole school is a 'nude food' school in 2017. This means eliminating unnecessary packaging (such as plastic wrap, juice and yoghurt containers).

Please encourage your child to also recognise the importance of fruit in their diet. Make sure that every day you include one of their favourite fruits in their lunchbox. The leftover peel and core can be composted.

Please be aware that some students at Belle Vue have food allergies so we do not allow food sharing at school.