



Latham Primary School

Parent Information

Years 3/4 - Term 3 2017



"no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then."

Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland



Welcome back for an exciting term three!!

We hope you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to many new learning experiences!

Classroom Organisation

As our timetable is quite tightly run, we ask that students arrive at school as close to 9:00 am as possible. If your child should be away from school please inform us either by phoning the school or with a letter explaining their absence, as it is a legal requirement for absences to be explained. If your child is unable to participate in physical activity, a note is also required.

All students are encouraged to be in school uniform every day including a sun smart, wide brimmed hat, with 'hats on' play starting at the end of August. We suggest students bring a water bottle to have on their desks during the day. Each morning we allow students to have a piece of fruit or vegetable during the first session.

English

To support writing in our inquiry unit, students will be looking at information reports, emphasising the use of descriptive language. There will be a whole class focus on different reading strategies throughout the term looking at comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary. Students will also be looking at tools to support the presentation of information that they have gathered during our inquiry unit. In spelling we will explore a variety of elements including using sounds and visual spelling strategies, working with homophones, synonyms and antonyms and transferring these understandings to their writing.

Mathematics

Students will review the strategies taught last term for multiplication and begin learning strategies for division. They will move onto strategies for working with fractions. Students will complete their investigation of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and continue building their understanding of geometry by looking at angles in shapes and the environment. They will begin measuring temperature and working with money.

Sustainable Animal Homes

This term students will use the knowledge gained during our previous unit to investigate the habitat of an animal. They will be designing a home that would be suitable to house their animal using the information they have researched on sustainability. They will present their final product to the class and reflect upon the effectiveness of their design.

Health

Towards the end of the term students will be looking at how to be safe in a variety of situations and create a media art project on a safety topic of their choice.

Social and Emotional Learning

Students continue to work on the Friendly Schools Plus program and how they can make good choices to resolve conflict with peers. They will continue looking at how to respond to bullying safely and then move onto resolving conflict.

ICT

Students continue to access a range of devices this term. Students have been provided with their personal logon details. The focus is on using the Google Suite to support student learning and allowing students to work collaboratively on documents together.

Specialist Programs

This year students will have one hour of Japanese with Daniel, 45 minutes of PE with Sally and 45 minutes of performing arts with Amanda. The days that each class will have time with these teachers is as follows:

	3/4MP	3/4MS	3/4RW	3/4SW
Japanese	Friday 9:45-10:45	Tuesday 9:45-10:45	Thursday 9:45-10:45	Monday 1:20-2:30
Arts	Thursday 9:15-10:00	Wednesday 11:20-12:05	Wednesday 12:05-12:50	Thursday 10:00-10:45
PE	Thursday 10:00-10:45	Wednesday 12:05-12:50	Wednesday 11:20-12:05	Thursday 9:15-10:00

Japanese

This term the students will be continuing to talk about transport and how to get somewhere. We will introduce adjectives to describe the different transports. Later in the term we will look at the similarities and differences between Japanese and Australian houses. We will be exploring typical Japanese manners and learning the names of different objects / rooms in a Japanese house. The students will also be learning the hiragana alphabet.

Performing Arts

This term in the Arts, the students will be studying dance, focusing on the style of 'Hip Hop' dancing as well as exploring dance from the Torres Strait Islands. The lessons will focus on learning some of the fundamental movement skills associated with these forms of dancing. Students will be provided with the opportunity to choreograph and perform their own dance sequences using the elements and choreographic devices taught during the term.

Physical Education

This term in physical education, we are fortunate to have the expertise of ACT orienteering coaches who have mapped our school and will be teaching us the skills of map reading and navigation, using a compass. This is part of the Sporting Schools funding initiative. We will also be participating and recording the results of the multistage fitness 'beep' test, a universally recognised cardiovascular fitness test. Towards the end of term, students will have the opportunity to participate in some AFL sessions. Australian Football League coaches will be visiting Latham for four sessions to teach the skills of kicking, marking and handballing, whilst incorporating a range of fun, agility based games aimed at junior players. There will also be the chance to try 30 minute oztag clinics in the middle of the term. Please ensure you dress in warm, comfortable clothes and suitable shoes, as we will be outdoors for the majority of our lessons.

Library

Students are encouraged to borrow books during their class library sessions for both home and school. Class library days are as follows:

3/4MP	3/4MS	3/4RW	3/4SW
Fridays	Mondays	Mondays	Tuesdays

Homework

Homework will be sent home once a fortnight on even weeks, in the form of a rubric. We encourage students to read every night and choose one activity to complete. If you do not wish for your child to have homework, could you please contact your child's teacher.

Contacting Teachers

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please contact the front office to make an appointment. We have school commitments on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, but are available for meetings at other times by appointment. The school phone number is (02) 61420077.