



Latham Primary School

Parent Information

Years 3/4 - Term 4 2017



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

Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland



Welcome back to our last exciting term for 2017

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. 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 explanations and procedures, 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 complex consonants, prefixes and suffixes and transferring these understandings to their writing.

Mathematics

Students will review their understandings of fractions as well as making connections to decimals and percentages. Students will complete their investigations of mass and volume and continue building their understanding of positioning. They will continue to collect data and explore how to best display their data into a range of graphs.

World navigators

Towards the end of this term students will be completing a personal inquiry project on a world navigator of their choice. This will be completed during class time.

Health

Personal safety will be our focus throughout this term.

Social and Emotional Learning

Students will explore appropriate protective behaviours in a variety of familiar and unfamiliar situations. 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	Tuesday	Tuesday	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.

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