



# Cheltenham East Primary School

## Grade 6

### Term 3, 2017 Newsletter

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# Wow!

## Term 3 is Here!

Already past the halfway mark! Our students are certainly stepping up to the plate in preparing themselves for transitioning to high school.

Our students are also eagerly learning lines, songs and dance moves in preparation for 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' later in the term. Rehearsals are already taking place during lunchtimes.

We look forward to sharing news of high school placements in mid-August.

Our door, as always, is open!

Jason, Lauren, and Patrick

## Diary Dates

Friday Aug 4 – **House Athletics Carnival**

Monday – Friday Aug 21 – **Book Week**

Tuesday – Book Character Parade

Wednesday – Grandparents' Day

Friday Sept 1 – **Father's Day Stall**

Friday Sept 15 - **Whole School Concert** at Kingston City Hall

*\*This week will have multiple rehearsal, including Full Dress*

Friday Sept 22 – **End of Term**

### Specialist Timetable

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| Art     | Tuesday   |
| L.O.T.E | Wednesday |
| Music   | Wednesday |
| P.E.    | Wednesday |

### Focus Lessons

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| Science                        | Tuesday  |
| Technology                     | Tuesday  |
| Book Club                      | Thursday |
| Concert Rehearsal (All Year 6) | Thursday |

## Homework

Homework will continue to be given out weekly. To prepare the students for secondary school we will be varying the days that homework is given and due back, however we will ensure that students are still given adequate time to complete the set tasks.

You will notice a continued emphasis on the development of reading skills through weekly letters to teachers.

Mathletics is being used both in the classroom for teaching as well as a consolidation tool for homework. If you have any access issues students are able to use computers during school breaks.

If your child is unsure of a task or mathematics concept, please let us know prior to the due date. You can get in touch with us in person or via email.

Please remember to keep updated with CEPS information using

Website: <http://www.cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au> and the tibiz app

## ENGLISH

### Reading

This term we will be reading the novel “Wonder” by RJ Palacio as our grade read aloud text. Our focus will be on character development, theme, and point of view.



***I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.***

*August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is, Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?*

R. J. Palacio has written a spare, warm, uplifting story that will have readers laughing one minute and wiping away tears the next. With wonderfully realistic family interactions (flawed, but loving), lively school scenes, and short chapters, Wonder is accessible to readers of all levels.

### Speaking & Listening

This term we have a focus on developing our oral presentation skills in preparedness for the concert. Students will also be taking part in a persuasive speech competition where the rewards are highly sought after!

### Writing

Writing speeches will be at the fore of our learning as well as taking opportunities to consolidate other writing genres when time permits. Naturally, we will continue to teach vocabulary and grammar in addition to the craft of writing.

Expect to have some hearty debates at home. Apologies in advance for their growing persuasive language skills!

## Circle Time & Wellbeing

Our school wide focus is on cooperative skills. The Grade 6 students will be given the task of creating videos and resources to support younger students to learn how to cooperate at school. We are sure the opportunity to “shine” in front of the camera will be relished.

## Mathematics

**Geometry (Cartesian coordinates, angles, transformations of shapes), Measurement (time), and Graphing.**

As well as learning new skills, students will be given the opportunity to develop their understandings through peer learning opportunities and by selecting their own areas of learning. There will be a strong emphasis on developing our skills in applying math concepts to ‘real world’ problems.

The mathematics content within our homework schedule will be consolidation work selected by the student and directed by prior achievement of learning.

## Inquiry and Science

The classroom is literally a buzz of excitement!

This semester sees the launch of the CEPS electricity challenge, combining specific electrical circuit teaching as well as precise design and technology techniques. Our students will soon be excitedly plotting what creations they can invent.

Thank you so much for the cardboard donations!