



# Cheltenham East Primary School TERM 4 NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome back to Term 4

It is hard to believe we are in our final term of Year One! It was lovely hearing the children sharing their holiday adventures with us. We are looking forward to the children showing lots of growth in their learning during Term 4 as they prepare themselves for Year 2.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

7/10-18/10: Swimming Program  
30/10: Special Food Day  
4/11: Curriculum Day—no students at school  
5/11: Melbourne Cup Holiday  
8/11: Year 1 teachers on Professional Learning  
14/11: Dinosaur Diggers Incursion  
16/11: School Fete  
5/12: Whole school Multicultural Day  
11/12: BBQ Special Food Day  
18/12: Students meet their Y2 teacher and celebrate with Y1 class parties  
20/12: 1pm dismissal: End of school year

## Reading

We continue to build upon your child's reading skills this term. We will be asking how and why questions as well as building on and extending their vocabulary and their understanding of word definitions.

Please continue to read with your child every night and sign their yellow book. It is a good time to refresh your memory with the comprehension question examples sent home earlier in the year, and use them during reading time.

Remember that your child's take home reading level does not reflect the level they are being challenged with in the classroom. It is so important to encourage a love of reading at home. For this reason the text your child brings home should be easy.

Please encourage your child to continue borrowing library books from our school library that appeal to their interests.

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Specialist	1K	1KA	1DR
Music (Sue Digby)	Tues	Tues	Mon
Art (Suzanne Reid)	Mon	Tues	Tues
Library Rotations	Thursday		
PE (Bec Robinson)	Tues	Wed	Tues
Science Lab	Friday		
Wellbeing	Monday & Thursday		

**Timetable will be adjusted during  
Swimming—weeks 1 & 2**

Our rolls are legal documents therefore we must be accountable for any absences. Please assist with this by informing the school with an email or phone call and we will record the absence on our electronic



Please send your child to school with a piece of fruit, cheese or yoghurt for fruit break EVERY DAY. Fruit break time is an opportunity for the students to stop and enjoy a healthy snack.  
**PLEASE NO NUT PRODUCTS IN LUNCHBOXES**

Please remember to keep updated with CEPS information using Website: <http://www.cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au> and the tiqbiz app. Please notify us of absence via Sentral or a call to the office.

## LITERACY

Weekly Guided Reading groups continue this term to enable your child's reading skills to be extended and further developed.



This term students will be exposed to a range of text structures including persuasive, narrative, procedure and letter writing. All students will be encouraged to expand their vocabulary, follow the correct structure for the given text type and begin to develop some simple editing skills.

Students will continue to follow a combined approach of Synthetic Phonics to build an understanding in the structures of our English language.

## INQUIRY LEARNING

This term, our inquiry focus is 'My Life, My Backyard.'

Students will explore where living creatures dwell and how their needs are met in their surroundings.

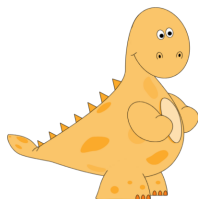
They will be focusing on Dinosaurs and will be exploring the features of dinosaurs that helped them to survive. We will be exploring the topic through a range of literature, which includes building the skills needed to manipulate a variety of digital technologies.

If you have any dinosaur models or books that might be useful for our learning, please bring them in.

## SCIENCE

Our focus this term is on Dinosaurs and living things. The children will learn to identify and describe examples of the external features and basic needs of living things.

Students will also describe how different places meet the needs of the creatures that live there.



## MATHS

The students will begin the term with a focus on Number and Place Value. They will explore concepts of addition and subtraction. They will work with worded problems and gain more confidence in drawing out the operations needed to solve a problem.

Students will also focus on Multiplication and Division as well as Money and Time.

Year I students will continue to be grouped for all number sessions, according to their point of need in learning.

Don't forget to encourage incidental learning of maths concepts in the home. When you are at the supermarket ask your child to count out the change or even to estimate the weight of a bag of bananas. Involve your children in cooking and preparing meals, getting them to assist with measuring out ingredients.



## WELLBEING



Wellbeing continues to be an important part of our learning. We will focus on our term value of Responsibility through role play activities that address a range of social skill scenarios.

We will continue work in our Resilience books and explore how Gratitude, Mindfulness and Empathy are necessary to build successful relationships. These weekly sessions enable students to explore their personal and social capabilities. The Year I team actively teaches and demonstrates friendly behaviours, to support effective learning in our safe school.