



Cheltenham East Primary School TERM 3 NEWSLETTER



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Back to Remote Learning!

After enjoying our three weeks back at school with the students at the end of last term, we had exciting plans for our teaching units this term.

Therefore, we were surprised and a bit disappointed when we heard the news about the rising COVID-19 numbers and the need to return to remote learning for the start of Term 3.

However, we are remaining optimistic and positive as we plan for this coming term. There will be a lot of uncertainty at times but there will also be many opportunities to build on our skills from last term.

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

Julie and Patrick

Specialist Timetable

Mondays	Music (Mrs Digby)
Tuesdays	ART (Mrs Reid)
Wednesdays	P.E. (Mrs Robinson)
Thursdays	LOTE (Signora Mondy)
Fridays	P.E. (Mrs Robinson)

UPCOMING EVENTS



20 July: Remote Learning
Activities will commence

We do not know when remote learning will end or what other activities may be possible during the term, but we will communicate these with you as soon as possible.

18 September: Last day of term (2.30pm dismissal)

CAMP UPDATE

As you are aware, due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, our Year 6 Camp in Term 2 was cancelled. We are investigating options for this camp to be rescheduled.

At this stage, we do have a tentative booking for **30 November to 4 December.**

This will be dependent on any restrictions at the time, including the use of public transport. We will keep you informed as our plans progress.

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you for returning your secondary school preferences last term. All of these have been passed on to the relevant secondary schools.

I will notify you of your child's placement on **Wednesday 19th August.**

I will also keep you informed about the next steps in preparing for your child's transition.

CONCERT UPDATE

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the school concert will not be going ahead as it has in previous years. We will not be able to organise mass gatherings for the foreseeable future. However, we are keen to still organise something for our Year 6 students and will keep you informed as we make these plans.

ABSENCES

Our rolls are legal documents therefore we must be accountable for any absences. Please assist with this by logging absences through Sentral. Alternatively, you may still inform the school with a phone call to the office or a Dojo to your class teacher in the event of your child being away.

This is important, even during our time of remote learning.

Please remember to keep updated with CEPS information using Website: <http://www.cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au> and the Dojo app.

ENGLISH

Reading

This term we will be encouraging students to engage with various reading opportunities:

- Individual Reading—students should be reading daily and recording their books for the Premiers Reading Challenge;
- Book Club—students will be allocated a book to read and discuss with a small group;
- Class Text—students will listen to me read a shared text and record their thoughts about this text.

Our focus for all reading will be on character development, theme and point of view.

Speaking & Listening

This term we have a focus on developing our oral presentation skills. Students should consider their planning and delivery when creating speeches. We hope that they will also be taking part in a persuasive speech competition where the rewards are highly sought after!

Writing

Writing will continue to focus on developing ideas through fast writes as well as looking at structures of different writing genres. Naturally, we will continue to teach orthography, vocabulary and grammar in addition to the craft of writing.



MATHS

Number and Algebra

(Sub strand: Fractions, decimals and percentages)

(Sub strand: Patterns and algebra)

Measurement and Geometry

(Sub strand: Location and Transformation)

As well as learning new skills, students will be given the opportunity to develop their understandings through maths investigations 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.

It is also important that students continue to develop their automatic recall of number facts, especially times tables.



HUMANITIES & SCIENCE

This term students will explore energy and electricity. This will include researching different types of energy and understanding how electrical circuits work to light up globes.

Students will also start to investigate business and economics, considering the difference between wants and needs. They will start applying this understanding through the use of an online Banqer program.



2020 is proving to be a year of many challenges. Please continue to prioritise the physical and mental well-being of your child and of your family. Communicate with us about this and we will support however we can.

CEPS Kids Are Friendly Kids

This program focuses on the skills necessary for maintaining positive relationships. This term the value our school is focusing on is CO-OPERATION. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore the skill of the week using age appropriate activities. At home, please reinforce the skill highlighted in the newsletter each week.

This term's Wellbeing sessions will continue to be focused around the Resilience Project. Students will complete activities concentrating on **gratitude**, **empathy**, **mindfulness** and **emotional literacy**.