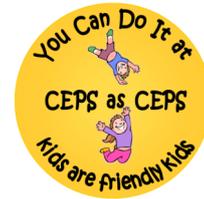




Cheltenham East Primary School TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back to school for 2021

We've had such an energetic and exciting start to Grade 2. It's been wonderful to spend the past week getting to know your children and their personalities.

We look forward to seeing you at our 'Welcome to School Week' this week and getting to know you all during the year. Our door is always open outside teaching hours and we are happy to arrange a meeting with you if needed.

Here's to a successful year!



SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Specialist	2A	2B	2C
P.E (Bec Robinson)	TUES	THUR	THUR
Italian (Stella Mondy)	MON	MON	MON
Music (Sue Digby)	MONDAY		
Art (Suzanne Reid)	MONDAY		
Library	THURSDAY (Library bag required)		
Science Lab	Wednesday		
Whole School Assembly	FRIDAY 3:00pm		

DAILY BREAKS

Recess— 10:40-11:10

Fruit Break— 12:00

*We do have children with medical alerts so please refrain from packing **nut** products.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/2 –11/2: Welcome to School Week— Come and meet your child's teacher in the playground 8:45-8:55

22/2: School Photos

14/3: Labour Day holiday (no school)

8/4: End of Term 1 at 2:30pm



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Due to changes in our healthy food policy, cakes and sweets are not allowed to be handed out to the class to celebrate special occasions including birthdays.



You are welcome to provide other healthy options or non-food products to celebrate but instead of packing something to share with the class we will make birthday's special in other ways at school.

Classroom Representatives and Helpers

This role (which can be shared between two people) is usually best carried out via group emails and involves sharing useful information with the class. We suggest the Rep attends the Parent Committee meetings when possible and arrange a social catch up once a term if possible. Please do your classroom teacher if you would like this role.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP

When students arrive at school their bags can be placed by the stairs outside the office. They can spend their extra time outside playing with their friends and enter the classrooms when the music plays at 8:55am. Students should not be at school before 8:45am as the outside areas are unsupervised.

Parents are once again welcome to enter the outside school grounds for drop offs and pick up. If you wish to meet with a classroom teacher, please arrange an appointment via dojo and sign in and out at the office.



ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence. You can do this via Sentral, School Absence Line - 9584 7240; Dojo or email your class teacher (listed at the top). Please ensure that you give the child's name, reason & date of absence.

The roll is taken at the beginning of each day and if your child is absent and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained. If this occurs, our school will text/call you as soon as practicable on the day the student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If your child is late to school please get a 'late pass' from the office to hand to your teacher.

Please remember to keep updated with CEPS information using
Website: <http://www.cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au>, Dojo class page and school page

ENGLISH

The English strand of the Victorian Curriculum is classified under 3 headings.

Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening.



Reading and Viewing

Students reading skills will be developed through our daily phonics activities, comprehension sessions and guided reading groups. Students will focus on improving their accuracy, fluency and expression when reading aloud and will engage in discussions and activities to support them in thinking about and making meaning from texts. In Term 1, students revise all long and short vowel phonemes (sounds). Students will be taught comprehension strategies for visualising, retelling and sequencing events, making predictions and asking questions. Parents and care givers can support their child's reading skills and strategies by helping them develop a daily reading habit. Your child should be encouraged to read aloud to you, both readers and other books.

Writing

Our writing sessions this term will develop students' skills to structure sentences and texts correctly. Through the text types of recount (to retell) and procedure (to instruct), students will understand how texts are made cohesive by organising themes and ideas and linking them together using time and sequencing connectives. We will revise and add to punctuation conventions, apply our phonics knowledge to our spelling and teach correct letter formation to improve legibility and fluency.

Speaking and Listening

Students will be given opportunities in both informal and formal situations to develop their speaking skills. They will develop their listening skills through presentations by other students and be able to recall the main ideas of the information presented.

WELLBEING

Our School Values are Courtesy, Respect, Cooperation and Responsibility. Each week all classes will engage in a Resilience Project session as well as discuss our CEPS Skill of the Week. These lessons will encourage the development of skills that promote our school values and the positive and personal growth of all students.



GROWTH MINDSET

This term the students will explore the ways that they can change their thinking. We will be looking closely at the power of 'Yet' and we will develop strategies to overcome difficulties in their learning and build on their resilience and positive outlook.

'I can't do it' to 'I can't do it **YET** but I will get there'

MATHS

Our Maths sessions in Year 2 will give students the opportunity to participate in games, activities and problem solving tasks that will support their number fluency. Skills and understandings will be taught explicitly and students will explore and work through problem solving tasks independently and in groups.

This term the students will develop their understandings of place value, patterns and skip counting, location and mapping, months of the year and using calendars.



AT HOME READING

Take home readers will be sent home this week. Please ensure that you are reading with your child every night and sign their green reading diary.

Take the time to ask your child questions about the text and predict story events whilst reading.

Please remember that at home reading is:
Reading for pleasure
Reading for success
Reinforcing and practising reading skills

INQUIRY LEARNING

This term the students will develop an understanding of where they live and the places and activities that are in that area. They will identify how they are connected to different places within their local community, in Australia and across the world.

Students will explore the history of different places within the local community and how they have changed over time.



SCIENCE

"All Mixed Up" is our Chemical Science focus this term. We look forward to creating some fun mixtures in the Science Lab.

Communication

Sentral: If you have lost your account details, please contact: Sentral.Admin@cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au

You need to include your full name and your child's full name and grade.

Class Dojo has now been set up for each class so please feel free to send any communication through to the class teacher.