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# Level 3 & 4 Newsletter

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Welcome to Term One in Level 3 & 4. We are really excited to be working with your children. Making the children feel comfortable and ready to learn will be a focus throughout our Start Up Program. Our Virtues and School Rules will be revisited during this time and throughout the year. These are; Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be your Best. We will be exploring and investigating History with an Integrated Unit entitled Community, Remembrance & Celebrations. ICT will be a continual area of focus, beginning with rules and expectations, then leading into many different areas for the children to be immersed in during their sessions. We are lucky to have been provided with more laptops this year so the ¾ children will have increased access.

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## Literacy

During Term One we will make connections to and predictions about the stories we share. We will visualise what we are hearing by making 'movies in our mind' to help us better understand the story. Making inferences and finding important information will also be reading strategies we focus on this term.

Take Home Readers will be an expectation for all students and a part of their weekly homework routine. These will be sent home in the coming weeks (possibly after camp, maybe before), please ensure you have the blue take home bag at school, (if you haven't already), so we can begin to organise the children's books. If you no longer have your blue folder we will provide the students with an alternative for this year. Home reading is such an important part in your child's reading journey and their success. Please fill in the children's reading log every night after they read.

During Writing we will touch on recounts and set up our expectations and guidelines for Writer's Notebook. Narratives will be the major focus for the term. Handwriting and Spelling will also

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## Upcoming Events

### February 3

Camp Information Night  
6.30pm

### February 10

3/4 Camp – Yippee!!

### February 17

Meet & Greet Night

### March 2

Family Fun Night

### March 6

Curriculum Day – No students required at school

### March 9

Labour Day Holiday

### March 27

Last Day of Term 1

### April 14

First Day of Term 2

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## Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from their classroom. Please ensure you have a meeting spot that your child is familiar with. Thank you.

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be a focus throughout the year. This year we will continue with the DIPL program and there will be weekly spelling words sent home as part of the children's homework for them to revise.

### Library

Please note that Library sessions will begin very soon, as early as Week 2 and we are keen for the children to bring along their Library bags so they can borrow each week. The children are allowed to borrow a maximum of 4 books as they will also have their Take Home Readers.

### Homework

After camp regular homework will be sent home on a Tuesday and will be expected back the following Monday. Homework will comprise of take home reading, spelling words, timestables and a weekly task. More information will follow to ensure you have guidelines and a clear understanding of these requirements.

### Maths

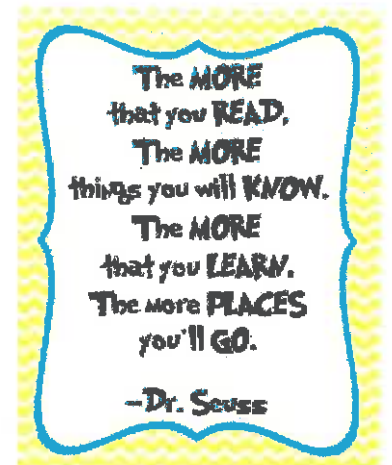
We will cover Place Value, Shape, Chance, Fractions & Decimals and Location & Transformation throughout the term. Timestables revision and Maths Fluency games are all a part of our Maths sessions. The children will also solve worded problems during our Weekly Problem Solving focus.

### Meet & Greet Night

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 5:00pm all parents are welcome to come along to our Meet & Greet Night for a free BBQ and a short information session in your child's year level about the year ahead. Any general questions can be answered and it's a great way to meet and chat with our friendly staff.

### Timetable

	Art	Music	P.E.	Library	AUSLAN
3/4 R	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
3/4 S	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
3/4 H	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday
3/4 M	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday



### Canteen

The Canteen is open every Monday for preordered lunch orders and Friday (no lunch orders just over the counter sales). Students are allowed to bring a small amount of money to spend at the canteen during lunchtime. Canteen menus will be sent home shortly. Lunch orders need to be ordered by Thursday of the previous week. Any parent volunteers willing to help in the canteen would be greatly appreciated. Please see office staff if you can help.

## Parent Helpers

We will be sending home a parent helper's notice very soon. It will ask if you can help in the classroom and your available times. Please keep an eye out for this over the coming weeks. Once we have collected the replies we will notify you of your timeslot. A reminder that you have to have completed the Parent's helper Course previously and you must have a current Working With Children's Check. Thanks in advance.

## Family Fun Night

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5:30pm is our Family Fun Night. Everyone is welcome to come along for some fun and games run by Peter Harris our school Chaplin. Come along for lots of activities like face painting, Jaffa smashing, lion targets, sumo wrestling and much more. Sausages and a drink can be purchased from the canteen. We hope to see you all there!

## Communication

We have a variety of ways we communicate with our school community. Your child needs to bring their red communication folder each day for notices that are sent home.

Each fortnight a school newsletter is uploaded to our website and emailed out to parents and each term there is a newsletter specifically for Level 3 & 4 students that will be sent home. "Like" the Chirnside Park Primary School Facebook page for updates and notifications of what is happening along with great photos of what the students are up to at school. Flexibuzz is an app to download to your phone, as the school use it to communicate messages as well. See the office if you unsure about this please.

Phone calls and emails are used to communicate with parents however please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have any concerns or worries about your child.

We will make contact with each of you over the next week or so to have a chat and let you know how your children are settling into their new class. Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have any concerns or worries about your child:

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## TISSUES

We would greatly appreciate donations of tissues to each classroom please.

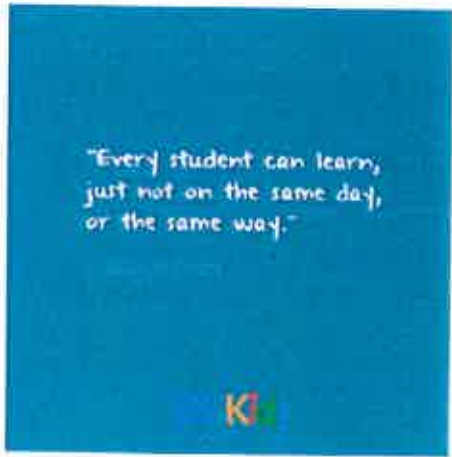
Thank you.

## Assembly

Every Friday at 3:00pm parents and friends are invited to attend our whole school assembly in the GP Room. Each week there is a small presentation of students work and student of the week awards are handed out.

## HATS

Hats are compulsory in Term One



"Every student can learn,  
just not on the same day,  
or the same way."



