

Grade 3/4 Newsletter

Term 2, 2016

TERM 2 UNIT OF WORK - THE FIRST FLEET

The focus of this unit is on the development of an historical understanding of events which have occurred in Australia. Students will explore the first inhabitants of Australia and the effects that European exploration and subsequent arrival of the **First Fleet** has had on our continent. Special events such as **Australia Day** will be looked at from both an Aboriginal and European perspective. Students will learn the skills of sequencing events over time by exploring and creating a **Timeline**. An excursion to **Captain Cooks Cottage** and **The Fitzroy Gardens** has been planned to enhance this unit of study.

SWIMMING



Swimming begins on Friday **April 22nd** and continues for 8 weeks - **April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10** for those students who are attending.

Please make sure that your child has all their swimming gear, clearly named, for each session. If you are able to assist us, please let your child's class teacher know.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

In week 5 (May 10, 11 and 12) the grade 3 students will be involved in a series of nationally assessed tasks in literacy and numeracy. The children have had many opportunities to practise working on these tasks during class time.

NETBOOKS



The children love taking their netbooks home and using them for various tasks. **Please encourage your child to take care of them and follow the guidelines set out in the ELearning Code of Cooperation** It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their netbook is charged each day.

HOMEWORK

Spelling

Students will continue to receive **Write to Read** homework tasks this term. Weekly homework task focus on the **Write to Read** spelling rule that has

been introduced in the classroom. Students are also expected to practise any of the 70 Phonogram Codes that are not yet in their automatic file.

A video clip of the codes can be accessed on our website using the following address:

<http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/page/171>

Maths

Our Maths homework has continued to focus on Problem Solving tasks that relate to topics being covered at school. Students should also practise one lot of multiplication tables each week (check the order for level of difficulty). Please assist your child by testing them until they have automatic recall.

Students are also encouraged to reinforce their mathematical skill by going on to Mathletics at home.

<http://au.mathletics.com/>

Reading

Please encourage your child to read each night for 15-30 minutes. They can read books from the classroom, our school library, the local Mill Park Library or books which they have at home. Children are expected to fill in their own diary, recording the name of the book, number of pages/minutes read and the connections that they make. This encourages them to take responsibility for this task. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary.

3 /4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE, East Warbuton



Camp will be held on Monday August 22 - Wednesday August 24. An 'Expression of Interest' note will be sent home shortly. This provides some information about the activities at camp. If you are able to assist us on this camp, please complete the section on the camp form with your contact details.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week at MSPS begins on Monday May 16. Many exciting activities have been planned for this week. More information to follow.

COMMUNICATION @ MSPS

There are many ways that we can communicate with you at MSPS. They include the Facebook group, the school website, newsletters, e-mails, children's diaries, phone calls, informal chats and scheduled interview times. Please ensure that you access all these forms of communication so that you are aware of what is happening at our school.

As always, please see your child's teacher if you have any issues or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support
The 3 /4 team.

COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
April 14	MSPS Athletics sports
April 22	Swimming
April 25	ANZAC DAY
April 26	PUPIL FREE DAY
April 28	Crazy Hair Day
April 29	Swimming
May 3	Cross country trials
May 5	Mother's Day stall
May 6	Swimming
May 10 - 12	NAPLAN
May 13	Swimming
May 16-20	Education Week
May 20	Swimming
May 23	HG 9, 10 excursion to Captain Cooks Cottage and Fitzroy Gardens
May 24 - 31	Book Fair
May 25	HG 7, 8 and 26 excursion to Captain Cooks Cottage and Fitzroy Gardens
May 27	Swimming
May 31	MSPS Special Lunch
June 3	Swimming
June 10	Swimming
June 13	Queen's Birthday public holiday
June 17	Glow in the Dark Disco
June 24	Last day of term 2 - school finishes at 2.30.