



Grade 1/2 Newsletter

"You have brains in your head, and feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

Dr Seuss

Dear Grade 1/2 Families,

Welcome to Term 1, 2017. We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and we are excited to start the year with 3 brand new grades.

Appointments

If you wish to discuss any issues please make an appointment with the teacher to ensure that adequate time is made available.

Literacy

Home Reading and Library

All children participate in Home Reading and borrowing from our library. Please ensure your child has a Take Home Book bag to protect their reading book. Students are also required to have a library bag in order to borrow books from school. Green shopping bags or their Take Home book bags can be used.

How can you help at home?

- Reading at home should be on a regular basis (about 10 – 15 minutes daily).
- Enjoy reading to and with your child. Establishing a regular routine of reading daily is one of the best ways of developing lifelong positive attitudes to reading.
- Help your child practise reading the codes.

Writing

This term students will be focusing on their handwriting, sentence structure and writing basic recounts of their experiences. Students will be introduced to some of the writing strategies and can use Reading Eggs at home to practise writing stories.

Numeracy

How can you help at home?

- Practise counting with your child.
- Count small amounts of money with your child.
- Assist your child to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks.
- Mathematics – Students have an individual login.

School Website

We have a new and improved school website. You can access and download weekly newsletters. You can also find information about any important dates.

www.lalorps.vic.edu.au

Healthy Snacks

We encourage all students to bring a healthy and nutritious snack and lunch to school. Healthy foods give students energy to last throughout the day and aids in concentration during learning time,



Important dates to remember

February 13th – 23rd Mon-Thurs – Grades 1-4
Swimming Lessons at TRAC

February 28th – Local Walk to the Lalor Shops

March 10th – School Photos

March 13th – Labour Day – Public Holiday.

March 15th – 1/2 Guest Speaker from the Epping Police Department

March 16th – National Day of Action Against Bullying

March 17th – Curriculum Day- No students to attend school

March 20th- Meet the teacher 3:30pm-8:00pm

March 22nd – Multicultural Day Lunch

March 31st - Last Day of Term 1- Early dismissal at 1:15pm

Reminders:

- Students need to be dressed in full school uniform every day. Every child must wear a hat during terms 1 and 4.
- Punctuality- It is really important that all students are at school, ready to learn by 8:45am.

TiqBiz App

- Please download the Tiqbiz app on your phone or ipad to keep up to date with all our schooling events. Remember to select the Gr 1/2 area for all our 1/2 news.

A parent invitation

- If any parents are available to help in the classroom we would really appreciate your help. Please contact your child's teacher and let us know your availability.

Integrated Studies

Our Integrated topic for Term 1 is 'Places and Spaces' where students will learn about the services in their community. The 1/2s will design and construct model buildings for a precinct in their community.

Home Learning

At Lalor Primary School, students do not receive compulsory homework. However, there are activities and tasks that students can complete at home with a family member or guardian's assistance. These include –

- Listening to your child read every night and recording it in their take-home diary;
- Consolidating Mathematics concepts learnt at school by finishing tasks on Mathletics;
- Practising their reading skills and understanding of texts by completing tasks on Reading Eggs;

Specialist Timetable

	1/2 S	1/2 A	1/2 V
Monday	Performing Arts	Visual Arts PE	Performing Arts PE
Tuesday	Library		
Wednesday	Oral Language PE	Oral Language Library	Oral Language Library
Thursday		Performing Arts	
Friday	Visual Arts		Visual Arts

Kind regards 1/2 teachers,

Mrs Amy Shannon, Miss Sam Athans and Miss Melissa Vukelic