

Welcome to Middle School 2019!

This year has already been off to an electrifying start! The students are very eager for exciting experiences yet to come. They will be challenged and pushed out of their comfort zones to identify their strengths and determine what actions they can take to achieve their future goals for the year.

Literacy

In Writing this term, the Middle School will be focusing on narrative and persuasive writing genres. Children will be given regular opportunities to plan, write, revise, edit and publish imaginative and persuasive pieces. The year 4's will also have a focus on letter writing. They will be asked to write a letter to someone they were grateful for at camp.

Initially, in Reading, we will focus on establishing the Readers Workshop and reviewing the norms and procedures of independent reading. We will then move on to strengthening comprehension and a high-level understanding of the texts. We will read a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction; individually and in small groups; concentrating on the skills of accessing prior knowledge, making connections and self-monitoring reading. With the class teacher, students will set reading goals, which can be practiced at home and at school.

There will be many opportunities for speaking and listening during the term. Initially, these experiences will be in informal settings where students share their ideas with a partner or to the whole group and present group findings.

Mathematics

Students will be developing their knowledge and understanding of place value, graphing and data collection and the significance these two areas play in further mathematical understanding.

A range of learning experiences will be provided for the students to develop and apply their understanding.

Inquiry – 'Who We Are'

As part of 'Kick Start Kew' the Middle School have been exploring the diverse ways people think and how this helps us understand and support each other in our



Parent/Teacher Interviews
Week 5

Tuesday 26th February
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Wednesday 27th February
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

KEW DISTRICT SWIMMING
Wednesday, 27th of February

C.A.R.E/HARMONY DAY
Thursday, 21st March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday, 11th of March

CURRICULUM DAY
Friday, 5th of April
*NOTE: No school for students



learning. The students have been exposed to different experiences which demonstrate their diverse learning approaches.

Year 4 YMCA Mount Evelyn Camp

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On camp we had the best time! When we got there we got to find out our cabins and our activity groups. Each of the groups was named after an animal. They were Cockatoos, Snakes, Platypus, Koalas Wallabies and Lizards.

When we got to our cabins, we all unpacked our stuff and made our beds. Then we rushed down the stairs to start our activities. Some of the activities that we did were The Giant Swing, swimming in the pool, flying fox, high and low ropes courses and a wildlife encounter.

For dinner on the first night we had chicken and vegetables. Dessert was a yummy chocolate mousse with whipped cream.

That night we had a disco and we got glow in the dark jewellery. We had so much fun dancing and spending time with our friends!

In the morning we had a delicious breakfast - toast, cereal and pancakes with maple syrup! After breakfast, it was time for some more activities.

We had so much fun!!





House Swimming Carnival

On Friday 8th February, students from Year 3-6 travelled to Ashburton Swimming Pool to compete in the annual House Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day and all of our students gave their best effort and demonstrated our school's C.A.R.E. values.

After what had been an already tiring and challenging start to the week, it was great to see our Year 4s being resilient and looking after the Year 3s, who were attending the Carnival for the first time.

From the teachers

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