

Kew Primary School
Middle School Newsletter
Term 1, 2018

Welcome to Middle School 2018!

This year has already been off to an electrifying start! The students are very eager for the 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. In Reading the focus will be on developing strategies that will strengthen comprehension and high-level understanding of the text. 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 monitoring reading. 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 in the Middle School will be developing their knowledge and understanding of place value and fractions and the significance these two areas play in further mathematical understanding. Students will be provided with a range of learning experiences to develop and apply their understanding. Targeted maths will start on Friday 23rd of February from 11:20-12:20 and it will run for four weeks. This approach ensures a much more specific and targeted teaching to your child's identified point of need. Please note that your child may not be with their class teacher during this time.



SWIMMING LESSONS

WEEKS 4 & 5

(3/4M, 3/4C, 3/4A)

Tuesday 20th February -
Friday 2nd March
3/4M - 1:00 - 1:40
3/4C - 1:40 - 2:20
3/4A - 2:20 - 3:00

WEEKS 8 & 9

(3/4S, 3/4D, 3/4H)

Monday 19th March -
Wednesday 28th March
3/4S - 1:00 - 1:40
3/4D - 1:40 - 2:20
3/4H - 2:20 - 3:00

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Week 5

Tuesday 27th February
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Wednesday 28th February
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

HOME LEARNING

Due dates for Term 1

Friday 2nd March
Friday 16th March
Thursday 29th March

CURRICULUM DAY

Thursday 15th March
*NOTE: No school for students

LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 12th March
*NOTE: No school for students

C.A.R.E. DAY

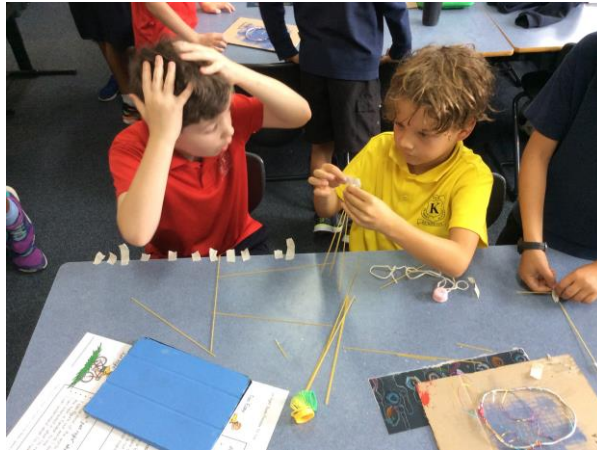
Wednesday 21st March

Inquiry – ‘Who We Are’

Our unit of Inquiry this term is designed to deepen the students’ understanding of how they can get the most out of their learning through clarifying existing ideas, questioning and reflecting. Through a variety of collaborative team experiences they will develop an understanding that humans think and learn in many different ways. They will be actively involved in their own learning and take responsibility for that learning.

Some big questions they will address are:

- How am I responsible for my own learning?
- How can I make a difference to my learning?
- What actions can I take to move forward with my learning?
- What is the best learning space for my learning?
- What mindset do I need to have to learn productively?
- How does reflection improve my learning?





Year 4 YMCA Mount Evelyn Camp

Written by
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On Wednesday 7th of February to Friday the 9th February the year fours went to the YMCA Mount Evelyn Recreation Camp.

When we arrived at Silvan Dam we walked four km to camp. When we got there we had two rotations to complete. After we finished our two rotations we had dinner. Dinner was delicious and tasty. After dinner the Snakes group washed the dishes, vacuumed the floor and also put the chairs away. That night we watched a movie called Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. After we watched the movie all the kids went to sleep. Once we all woke up the Cockatoos were rostered for breakfast duty. Once the Cockatoos set it up, all of year four came to eat breakfast. The scrambled eggs and bacon was delicious.

The highlights of camp were the giant swing, the zip line and the high ropes.



From the teachers

We look forward to this productive and enjoyable term and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via the following email addresses:

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