

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

**Welcome to Grade 3/4, 2019!**

**The Grade 3/4 Team this year consists of Kirsten Burrows, Emma Hoehne, Melissa Wilkinson and we would like to extend a warm welcome to Jenny McArdle who has returned to Wandin North Primary School. It has been a terrific start to the year with smiling faces, giggles and excitement. With such wonderful students, we know that 2019 will be an outstanding year together.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your classroom teacher. If you would like to see your classroom teacher before school, teachers are available and on duty from 8.45am until the first bell.**

**We look forward to getting to know you and working with you throughout the year to help your child reach their full potential.**

## Literacy

We have begun the year by looking at the expectations of reading and writing in Grade 3/4. Students have started exploring their Good Fit Books and sharing their thoughts through their sticky notes. The students particularly enjoyed looking at the Indigenous text, Welcome to Country and wrote some wonderful questions about Indigenous language and culture.

Students have been learning to create strong writing ideas by using The Three Levels of Thinking to delve deeper into the key messages and important details in a text. We loved seeing all of the student's photos, which they used to decorate their Writer's Notebook.

This week we have begun exploring our mentor text, The Stone Lion by Margaret Wild. We cannot wait to share this extraordinary story with the students and look forward to the students using some of her techniques in their own work.



## Numeracy

Completing Numeracy work on the laptops was a first week highlight for the Grade 3 students! We have begun exploring place value, worked on improving our addition and subtraction skills and we are currently investigating fractions and chance.

Students have enjoyed problem solving sessions and have been taking a closer look at the problem solving strategies. We have really enjoyed seeing the student's Growth Mindset and GRIT when completing challenging tasks.



## First Contact

Throughout Term 1 we have been investigating the Indigenous culture and looking at the history of their cultures and customs. Students have begun exploring the reasons for the First Fleet and will be delving deeper into the stories of those onboard.

Students have been analysing what life was like in the past, and have especially enjoyed exploring the ABC's My Place website. We encourage you to ask your children to share what they have learnt with you!

## Homework

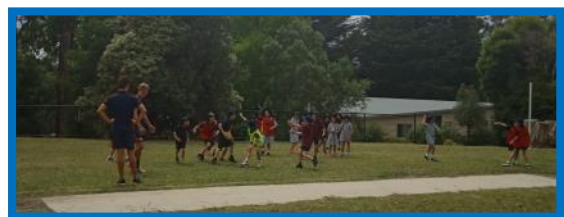
Homework consists of nightly reading using a Good Fit Book, as well as practise of Mathematics number facts and personalised spelling words. Those students who are reading levelled readers will bring books home to read. Students are encouraged to build their independence and change their own books and are reminded regularly to do this. If your child is reading levelled readers and books are not coming home, please speak to your classroom teacher. It is very important to discuss the book with your child to check for understanding and to develop their comprehension skills.

## Footy Visit

What a fantastic experience it was playing footy with some real AFL players! The students were very excited when the Melbourne



Football Club visited our school. The students were given tips by the professionals and enjoyed the question and answer session. Our students showed exceptional manners and respect, making us very proud!



## Camp

Camp this year will be held in the last week of Term 2 at Oasis Adventure camp in Mount Evelyn. More information will be sent out closer to the camp dates.

## Important Dates

Monday 11th March– Labour Day  
Sunday 17th March– Harvest Market  
Friday 22nd March– Athletics Day  
Wednesday 27th March– Twilight Sports  
Thursday 28th March– Curriculum Day  
Thursday 4th April– School photos  
Friday 5th April– Last day of Term 1  
Tuesday 23rd April– First day of Term 2