Come back to another exciting year of learning! We are all excited about helping your child to learn and grow. If you have any questions about the information in this newsletter please contact your child’s class teacher.

Year 3/4 Teachers
Miss Sian Elliott, Mrs Jo-anne Wembridge and Mr Peter Zaitzev

DATES TO REMEMBER:
- Wed 11 February -Professor Bunsen incursion - $7:00 cost (see separate note for details)
- Monday 16 February – Pupil Free Day (Curriculum Day)
- Friday 27 Feb – Clean Up Australia School Day
- Monday 9 March – Labour Day holiday
- Friday 13 March – National Walk to School Day
- Tuesday 17 March – Parent Information Evening: Real Schools
- Friday 27 March – End of Term 1

INQUIRY TOPIC
The Year 3 students will explore heat in a Science Unit called ‘Heating Up’. As part of this unit, students will be discussing how heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another.

At the end of term, we will begin our History unit called ‘Celebration and Remembrance.’

NUMERACY
Our focus will be using units of Measurement, Data Representation. For example, students will make graphs about themselves, such as, their favourite holiday activity. Or he/she will create an information page about themselves using measurements, such as, I am ___ tall; My shoe size is ____; My foot is ____ long.

LITERACY
Our Literacy focus will be to develop good reading and writing habits and to establish protocols (way of behaving) with the students, when reading independently or with a buddy or when writing.

Our focus for Speaking and Listening will be Oral Presentations. These opportunities will help students feel more confident in speaking in front of an audience. They will prepare for this as part of their homework.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
This term will be getting to know each other, making friends and discussing our shared responsibility in order to maintain a safe and effective learning environment.

CAN YOUR CHILD PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS TO SCHOOL TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS:
A box of tissues;
Optional: Liquid hand wash or Hand Sanitiser

LIBRARY
Students will have an opportunity to borrow books from the school library and on occasions classes will visit the local Werribee library. It is expected that all children will have a library bag to protect the books they borrow.

BRAIN FOOD/WATER
Students are allowed to have a pop top bottle full of water on their desk during the day. Water is very important and is needed to help the brain function effectively. They are also encouraged to bring fruit/vegetables as a 10 o’clock snack.

FIT (FITNESS IS TERRIFIC)
On Friday, Wednesdays and Fridays, when the first bell goes at 8:50am, the Year 3 students will meet their teacher on the oval ready for fitness activities, such as relays, dodge ball, power walk, or a game. They will not meet at their classroom. It is expected that all students will be at school when school starts at 8:50am ready to start FIT activities.
HATS
As Werribee Primary School is a SunSmart school, your child is required to wear hats when outside during the months of September to April to protect against skin cancer. **Students must not wear hats or headwear inside. The exception to this is for headwear associated with religious purposes.**

ABSENCES
It is important that your child is at school **every** day. Data has shown that any more than 10 days absence in one year impacts significantly on academic progress. If your child is unwell they should remain at home that day but we seek your support in ensuring regular attendance on other days. When your child is absent, please ring the school or send a note with your child when they return.

If your child is absent please send a note with your child when they return or go to school’s website [http://werribeeps.vic.edu.au/](http://werribeeps.vic.edu.au/) Student Engagement and Wellbeing section and complete an Absentee form.

SPECIALISTS
**3E** – Thursday: Spanish and Physical Education; Friday: Art
**3W** – Thursday: Art and Physical Education; Friday: Spanish
**3Z** – Thursday: Art and Spanish; Friday: Physical Education

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Students must not be left alone in the school yard before 8.40 or after 3.25. If you have to leave your child before or after these times on any day you must book them into out of hours care as there is no yard supervision.

NUDE FOOD LUNCHES
Students have been doing a fantastic job keeping rubbish to a minimum. We thank families for continuing to prepare nude food lunches. Remember to unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home to help us reduce the amount of rubbish bought to school. **PLEASE ensure all containers are clearly labelled!**

COMMUNICATION
General information and upcoming events are published in the OWL. Any notes (ie excursion, homework) specifically for Year 3 students can be found on our school’s website [http://werribeeps.vic.edu.au/](http://werribeeps.vic.edu.au/) School in Action section – Year 3 News.

If you have a specific concern, please make an appointment with the class teacher that suits all parties involved. **REMEMBER: Staff meetings and professional development sessions are held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.30pm so please avoid these times.**

YEAR 3/4 CAMP
Camp Manyung Recreation Camp, Sunnyside Road, MT ELIZA, VIC 3930; Web: www.camps.ymca on Monday 14 Sep – Wed 16 Sep. The details for this camp will be sent out in Term 3. The approx. cost for this three day camp is $240.