

Term Overview – Term 2, April 2024



Middle Learning Community-MLC

Portarlington Primary School

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Dear Middle Learning Community families,

Welcome back to term two at Portarlington Primary School.

The middle learning team has an amazing 11 weeks of learning planned for the MLC students. We ask that all students come to school ready to learn with daily resources, (student diary, drink bottle, lunch, brain food and a charged device if possible) to ensure we can help them to become the best person they can be.

Specialist subjects for this term are STEM, Physical Education, Music and Art. For homework, we expect students to read at home, record what they have read in their diary, and practice spelling words. The diary is checked daily.

General

The school sends information home in a variety of ways including Compass, Email, SMS, notes in the diary and paper notes.

- Any paper notes are placed in the children's bag.
- Teachers check the diaries each day. Please check the diary and your child's bag daily.
- Please have your children at school before 8:45am.
- We also have brain food daily which involves fresh fruit or vegetables. Thank you.

English

Reading

This term will cover:

- Interpreting, analyzing, summarizing and predicting different text types.

- Focus on what makes a text entertaining and the comprehension strategies of making connections.
- Weekly reading strategy groups catered to students' areas of improvement.

At home, encourage your child to read at home as it is an important lifelong skill that we are constantly rehearsing.

Spelling

This term will cover:

- Students will increase word knowledge by exploring letter patterns in weekly spelling that cater for phonological awareness and morphology (word definitions).

This term :

- Continue the SMART spelling program. The SMART Spelling Program is based around whole words with an emphasis on meaning and vocabulary development.
- Each week your child will be bringing home a new list of words to practice each night and will have a spelling test/dictation at the end of the week.

Handwriting

This term will cover:

- A focus on anti-clockwise letters, their formation and starting point. Students will also develop fluency and consistency with their letter formation by practicing handwriting.

Seven Steps Writing

Our school uses the seven steps framework for developing student writing skills.

This term will cover:

- Students will grow and share as a community of writers.
- Students will follow the '7-Steps to Writing Success' to create Informational Texts based on the research that they conduct.

Maths

This term will cover:

- A focus on consolidating our skills and our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction.
- Students will participate in problem-solving, active maths and authentic applications of key number skills such as location and transformation.

Inquiry

This term will cover:

Inquiry Unit: Design and Technologies.

- Students will be introduced to local food production, the technologies involved and how it is manufactured.

- We will be exploring the local community muscle farming industry and the services it provides to the community as well as how it impacts local marine life.
- We will consider the purpose of food packaging and research the effect methods of environmentally friendly packaging materials.
- Finally, we will explore how we can create a food product using sourced produce from our garden and sustainable packaging.



Inquiry: How you can help your child at home:

- Talk to your children about the difference between mass production and local production. What are the differences? Why or why not is mass production a good thing?
- Discuss our local community. What does our community produce locally? What are the businesses called? What do they make?

Sport

This term will include:

On **Friday**, we have sport, where House Captains run games.



Sport: How you can help your child at home:

Practicing ball skills. Throwing and catching are great skills to continue to brush up on.

Why not enjoy these cool Autumn evenings or weekends and get outside with the footy.

Kitchen Garden

We are very excited to be commencing our Kitchen Garden unit this term.

This term will include:

- Building on our knowledge of garden maintenance and know-how of, garden tool safety and skills.