

Term Overview – Term 2, February 2025



Middle Learning Community-MLC

Portarlington Primary School

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- We are using our school website to communicate future events. Please visit our website <https://www.portps.vic.edu.au/>.
- **Please communicate with your child's teacher through the Communication and Learning Progress Diary unless the information is private and confidential.**

Dear Middle Learning Community Families,

Welcome back to a new term at Portarlington Primary School! The Middle Learning team is excited to continue fostering your child's growth and success throughout 2024. We kindly ask that all students come prepared for learning each day with the necessary resources, including their student diary, drink bottle, lunch and brain food. This will help us support them in becoming the best versions of themselves.

This term, students will engage in Specialist subjects including STEM, Physical Education, and Art. For homework, we encourage students to read at home and record their reading in their diary, as well as practice their spelling words. The diaries will be checked daily.

General Reminders:

- 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 between 8:30 and 8:45am.
- We also have brain food daily which includes fresh fruit or vegetables. Thank you.
- This term we will have camp

Looking forward to a great term ahead!

Best regards,
The Middle Learning Team, Sarah and Jess

English

Daily Reviews

This term we will cover:

Years 3 & 4

Spelling, vocabulary and grammar linked to our weekly spelling focuses
Phonics/Word Knowledge/Morphology Years 3 & 4 This term we will continue 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. This term will include a multitude of spelling and grammar focuses which will be sent out in our fortnightly overviews. Students will increase their word knowledge by exploring letter patterns in their weekly spelling that caters for phonological awareness and morphology (word definitions).
Handwriting This term we will cover: Years 3 & 4 Students will continue to develop fluency and consistency with their letter formation by practising handwriting.
Reading Years 3 & 4 This term will focus on building reading fluency, through 'paired fluency' with our new texts: "Yirra and her Deadly Dog, Demon", by Anita Heiss (Wks 1-5) "Finding Our Heart", by Thomas Mayo (Wks 6-8) - Poetry Study (Wks 9-10) At home, encourage your child to read at home as it is an important lifelong skill that we are constantly rehearsing.
Writing-Seven Steps Years 3 & 4 Our school uses the Seven Steps framework for developing student writing skills. A large component of the Seven Steps program is thinking and talking. As they say, "Verbal is Vital." This term will cover: - Factual recount - Book report - Poetry

Maths
This term we will cover: Years 3 & 4 - Multiplication and division - Fractions - Length & Area - Data Representation 2D Shape

Inquiry
Years 3 & 4 Our Inquiry Unit this term is entitled, <i>"Harmony With H2O"</i> . Throughout this unit we will cover: - Earth's natural resources and the importance of using them sustainably - Simple experiments related to the water cycle, desalination, and filtration - The problem of plastic pollution in our oceans. - Students will learn about the processes involved in the water cycle and use this knowledge to create a three-dimensional model
Inquiry: How you can help your child at home: Years 3 & 4 

We encourage at home to have conversations with your child about what they are learning about. You may want to discuss with your child about what values your family holds and discuss how you are promoting sustainability in your home.

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Years 3 and 4

- 18th-20th June
- More information and details to come!

