

Year 3 Newsletter Term 1, 2024

Dates to Remember

Police Pipe Band	Tuesday 6th February
Meet the Teacher	Thursday 22nd February
Labour Day Holiday (No School)	Monday 11th March
Naplan	Wednesday 13th March - Thursday 21st March
Swimming Program	Tuesday 12th March - Friday 22nd March
Last day of Term 1 - finish at 1:30pm	Thursday 28th March
First day of Term 2	Monday 15th April

Welcome back to school! We are happy to have you all back for an exciting 2024! The grade 3 team hoped you had a wonderful (and much needed) break! It has been great to see students settling back into the classroom.

The teachers in the Year 3 Department are:

- Mr Thomas Gath (Room 7)
- Miss Kimberley Tran (Room 13)
- Mrs Leah Stojanovski (Room 14)

OTHER PARENT INFORMATION

- We encourage students to arrive on time before the 9am bell to maximise their learning opportunities.
- A reminder that Term 1 is a SunSmart term, where students are required to wear a hat when they are outside.



HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out every Monday starting in week 3. This will consist of revision of concepts learnt in class. Please support your child with their learning at home, otherwise, Homework Club is available for those students requiring extra help. Homework Club is on Wednesdays 3:20pm-4:10pm in the Library.

Make sure homework is handed in every Friday for the classroom teacher to check.



TAKE HOME READING

Year 3 students will be asked to read at least 20 minutes a day at home to a family member if possible. The students are asked to read 5 times a week and record their daily reading in their reading diaries. Please sign your child's take home diary each day they have read and record date, title and a comment if you like. Make sure their take home diary is placed back into their reading satchels for the teacher to check every Friday.

Curriculum Overview



READING

In Reading this term, students are beginning to establish reading routines in the classroom. They are focusing on making various connections in order to better understand what they read. We will also be asking clarifying questions about parts of texts or unknown words. Finally, they will focus on the strategy of 'inferring' to assist with their understanding of characters' feelings and traits throughout books they read.



WRITING

In Writing this term, the Grade 3 students will be focusing on Narrative and Persuasive texts. We will be looking at the structure and features that these genres have.

We will also have a focus on making our writing interesting by including elements such as adjectives, dialogue and sizzling starts. Students will also be exploring how to include paragraphs in their writing as well as how to use correct punctuation.



MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics this term, students will be measuring, ordering and comparing objects using familiar metric units of length. Our students will also identify the place value of numbers up to and beyond 10,000. They will also build problem solving strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems and understand the relationship they have with each other.



INQUIRY

In Inquiry this term, the grade 3 students will learn about the lives of the First Australians before European settlers arrived in Australia and the causes and reasons for the journey of the First Fleet. They will practise thinking and acting like historians as they are immersed in stories of first contact between Indigenous Australians and European Settlers.