



Year 3

Newsletter Term 2, 2017

Welcome back to another busy term of learning. We welcome a new student, Mason, to our class.

There are a few changes this term.

The **homework** schedule is now printed as an overview for the term in your child's Take Home Book so you will no longer receive a weekly planner. The most important thing to do each day is listen to your child read. Homework from the week will be collected and marked on Wednesdays so if your child is unable to complete their homework for any reason there is flexibility to do it at another time. The Maths On Line homework can be done at anytime during the week as I post it for a full week (and it's still available to complete after the due date).

After attending an **Oral Language** Workshop by Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey, I'm excited to try some new ideas for oral presentations. This term your child will have 3 talks to prepare and all the children will speak on the same day. The topics and days of their talks are in their Take Home Book.

This term in **Science**, we will be learning about how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves and the observable differences between living and non-living things. To develop these understandings we will be studying birds. These themes will be integrated into other subject areas as much as possible. In Week 6 our class and the year 4 and 5 classes will take part in activities for World Environment Day at the Botanic Gardens.



In **Literacy** the children will be learning to write an information report and a sequential explanation and the grammar that is specific to these. We will have an emphasis on handwriting this term. We will continue with our Word Study programmes and Guided Reading lessons.

Diary Dates:

Week 2 – NAPLAN Tests

Week 4 – Monday – Pupil Free Day

Week 6 – Tuesday - Class Excursion

Week 7 – Monday – Holiday

Week 10 – Wednesday – School Photos

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In **Maths** the children will be learning the language of chance, gathering data and recording it using lists, tables, picture and simple column graphs. They will also be developing their skills in handling money as we have the Start Smart Programme visiting the school in Week 7. We will be continuing with mental computation skills, MathsOnLine and Reflex Maths. Maths Monster will come home again this term for the children to have fun with and the theme is measurement.

In **Design and Technology** Miss Deanne will be in our class once a week looking at the different ways we communicate and how technology has played a part historically (ie morse code) and to the present day (ie mobile phones).

In **PE** this term students in Year 3 will be continuing to develop ball skills and their understanding of gameplay and teamwork through modified net and wall games.

In **Visual Art** this term our focus will be centered on paper mache and mixed media and we will be using the study of birds to inspire our creations.

In **Performing Arts** with Miss Poppy the children will continue with Music and will learn how to read music by studying the musical staff and tablature. They will be describing and discussing the similarities and differences between music they hear, create and perform.

In **HASS** (History & Social Sciences) we will be continuing our journey into looking at Place, Space & Environment in and around Australia, the similarities between our own and other cultures.

Kind Regards,

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