



Year 3

Newsletter Term 4, 2017

Welcome back to our last term for the year.

This term we welcome second year UniSA students Miss Tamara and Mr Seren to our class for the first 4 weeks.

Swimming begins on Monday of week 2. Our class is leaving school at 8.50, as soon as the bell goes, so your child will need to be at school before the bell each day for the whole week. Please make sure your child has a really good breakfast because they won't be eating until 11am.

Each child must have a RPS **school hat** in Term 4 as we have a 'No Hat, No Play' policy. If your child doesn't have a hat they'll be asked to sit under the shelter during recess and lunch.

Homework this term will continue as for last term. A task for the week will come home on Thursdays and be shared the following Thursday. The most important thing to do each day is to listen to your child read. The Maths On Line work 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). Your child can also do the Reflex Maths programme as many times a week as they wish.

This term in **Science**, the children will be learning about the composition and behaviour of substances with a focus on solids, liquids and gases. We'll be doing experiments about melting and also discovering some ways that changing the state of a substance can help with recycling.

Literacy – in writing the children will be learning how to write a procedure and they'll be learning this while having fun making butter with a real, old fashioned butter churn! Later in the term they'll be learning how a butter churn works and writing a sequential explanation. Word Study continues as it has done all year – the children all do a great job of learning the spelling choices and patterns. In reading, your child will have a book with a lexile number from the Literacy Pro Programme. They have this book on their desk to read during the day and may bring it home to read if they choose. Some children like to borrow levelled books from the boxes in the corridor to bring home to read, which is encouraged.

Diary Dates:

Week 1 – We welcome Miss Tamara and Mr Seren

Week 2 – Swimming all week from 8.50 – 11am

Week 3 – Whole school involved in 'Count Us In' on Thursday

Week 6 – Friday is Sports Day

Week 9 – Last week of term. Reports come home Wednesday. 15th December is last day and we finish at 2pm.



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In **Maths** this term, the children will be continuing multiplication and division and mental computation practice. They'll be learning mapping, symmetry, measurement and fractions. The Maths Monster will come home again this term for the children to have fun with.

In **HASS** (Ms Glasper) this term we will be continuing to compare the differences/similarities between Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs Blake will be in our class once a week this term, getting the children excited about **STEM** learning.

In **PE** (Mr Nguyen) this term the Year 3 students will be exploring the concepts of attacking and defending in invasive sports as well as personal fitness and wellbeing.

In **Visual Art** (Ms Glasper) the main focus will be exploring art based around simple printmaking techniques. We will also continue to look at colour and composition before moving on to craft activities.

In **Performing Arts** (Miss Poppy) the children will be examining an Australian composer and considering the impact music has on its audience. Students will select and organise sounds, silence, tempo, and volume to compose and record an original piece of music.

We're looking forward to a lovely last term with your children,

Penny Sarah and Gail Glasper