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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Year 3...

## Term 3 Week 5, 2019

(beginning 12<sup>th</sup> August)

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### MATHS AT HOME

#### Birth to Level 10 Numeracy Guide

This week the staff would like to share an excellent Mathematics resource for parents called "Birth to Level 10 Numeracy Guide." The Department of Education have included a "Numeracy at Home" tab that families can utilise to enhance your child's Mathematical knowledge. Please refer to the link below. (You may need to navigate your way around the site but it will be worth the searching)

<http://numeracyguidedet.global2.vic.edu.au/numeracy-at-home/>

#### My Numeracy & Sunset Maths

All students have access to Essential Assessment at home. They can use these log in details to access 'My Numeracy,' which will set tasks based on their needs and progress in pre and post-testing here at school. They can also access 'Sunset Maths' which enables them to practise a variety of concepts and skills. Your child can ask their teacher for their log in details, if they have been misplaced.

### TANTALISING TUESDAY

On Tuesday afternoons we have 'Tantalising Tuesday.' The children complete tasks or activities with one of the Grade 3 teachers. This might include extra sport, art, wellbeing sessions or an activity linked to our inquiry unit. This term the children will be making a sustainable utensil pouch, to complement our learning in Inquiry. Each child will need to bring to school some fabric (perhaps a child-size t-shirt that is no longer worn). If you have thread or sewing needles that you can donate, they would be greatly appreciated.

### READING (CAFÉ: comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary)

CAFÉ strategies:

Comprehension - use pictures, images and diagrams to support inference

Expanding vocabulary – using word parts to determine the meaning of words (morphology)

### WRITING

Sentence structure – simple, compound and complex sentences

Conventions – sentence punctuation

Ideas and excellent word choice – writing descriptively

Handwriting – review horizontal and diagonal joins, then introduce speed loops

### GRAMMAR

Review:

Sentence types

Figurative language (similes, alliteration)

Prefixes and suffixes

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### CALENDAR:

#### Term 3

#### Week 5:

Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Stamp incursion (no cost, one of our lovely parents is coming to school to talk to the children)

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>: CERES incursion

#### Week 6:

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> &

Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Whole school concert

#### Week 9:

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September: Colour Run

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September: Grade 3/4 planning day

#### Week 10:

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September: Colour Run back-up day.

#### Term 4

#### Week 6:

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>: Merricks Lodge Camp

## Spelling

Soft/gentle c and g

Spelling rule: c and g will be soft before i, e and y

EG giant, gene, gym, circle, centre, cyclops

Review:

-ed and -ing suffixes

Long vowels

## SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Wait for my turn to speak

Respond to others' views appropriately

Express my feelings and opinions on a topic

Inquiry discussions

## MATHS

Money

Problem-solving

Times tables/mental strategies

## INQUIRY - Our Inquiry topic this term is 'Waste Warriors'

Focus: Inspiring student agency to enact change

We will be looking at examples of children enacting change within their community, in order to plan for and make our own change.

## Reminders:

## HOMEWORK

**Homework is due back at school every Monday.** All students are expected to read for at least one hour per week and to complete 500 Mathletics points. If your child would like to complete 'My Numeracy' tasks instead of Mathletics, that is acceptable.

Optional tasks include spelling as well as other activities listed in the Term 3 Homework Matrix (this is in their Homework Books). Next week the children will take a 'spelling menu' home, which provides ideas for practising their spelling words.

**Please ensure weekly reading is recorded in Homework Books and that the Homework Matrix is signed each week.**