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Welcome to Term 2 in Grade 3!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather over the holidays and spent some time with friends and families. This newsletter will explain the happenings in Grade 3 for this term. If you have any questions about these items, please see your child's teacher. Each week we send out a Flexibuzz update to tell you what we will be learning during the next week.

MATHS IN TERM 2

We will be covering addition, subtraction, number patterns and simple algebra, multiplication (yes, here come times tables – time to get a poster for the toilet door!) and chance and data. The Mathletics set tasks homework will usually align with our current topic of study. If your child does not have any set tasks, they may choose any other task. These short visual activities help your child remember and practice what has been taught during the day at school so please make sure that your child is completing them. The Mathletics app can be downloaded to an Ipad and works well. Please ask your child to see their teacher if there is an activity that they don't understand. A quick explanation often clears up a misunderstanding.



ENGLISH IN TERM 2

We will continue to work on the CAFÉ strategies to build a wide range of ways to decode and understanding written and visual texts. During one to one conferences and weekly small groups we will listen to your child read and help them use these strategies confidently. We will continue to study spelling patterns to build up your child's bank of words they can spell correctly. We will also learn about the grammar of our language through rules for apostrophes, prefixes, suffixes, pronouns, homophones and compound words. We will also learn the features, structure and tricks to write incredible recounts and procedural texts.



EXPLORERS

To learn important skills in the world of geography and history, we will be looking at the Age of Exploration through maps and other documents like portraits and recounts. We will learn about the different countries of the world, where they are in relation to us and how exploration changed people's view of the world. We will investigate what motivations drove explorers to leave the safety of land and how their expeditions changed our world.



INDONESIAN

In Term 2 we will keep learning about the Indonesian language and culture. We will review basic Indonesian language such as greetings, counting and colours. This program will happen in your child's classroom as part of the Grade 3 program.



NAPLAN - 15th-17th MAY

NAPLAN is an annual national assessment of literacy and numeracy for all Australian students in grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year it will take place over three days, 15th – 17th May. Friday will be a catch-up day for absences. We will have covered the relevant curriculum and will be working through a few practise tests in class so the children are familiar with the format. Please remember that NAPLAN provides a snapshot of one day and we do not get the results for some time. While the rules regarding the test conditions are strict, we will try to make the experience as relaxed as possible. We want the children to show their best work and they will not be able to do that if they are stressed about the results. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

GRADE 3 CAMP – SAVE THE DATE!

We will hold our Grade 3 camp at Merricks Lodge on the 15th and 16th November, 2018. This camp is a wonderful opportunity for your child to be independent, looking after their own belongings and being with their peers for a night. You can help prepare your child for this by getting them to have sleep overs, turn on the shower by themselves and be totally responsible for getting ready in the morning/evening. There will be a meeting later in the year for those parents who would like to assist on the camp. More information to come next term!

HOMEWORK

The small amount of homework set for your child helps them to remember and practise lessons taught at school. It helps your child achieve their best and is designed to fit in with your family life without intruding. Please remind your Grade 3 child to complete their homework each week and hand it in on Monday.



WINTER MONTHS.....TISSUES

If you didn't supply a box of tissues at the beginning of the year, could you please send a box to school with your child? As the winter months approach we go through lots of tissues.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – BOOK COVERING

If you could spare some time to cover some books – at school or by taking some books and contact home – please see your child's teacher. We are lucky enough to have quite a few new books and would like the children to be able to read them as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Anzac Day Assembly – Tuesday, 24th April in the Hall at 9.00am

Family Movie Night – Tuesday, 24th April

Mother's Day Stall – 9th, 10th and 11th May

NAPLAN – Tues, Wed and Thurs 15th – 17th May

Around the World in 180 Minutes – Multicultural Day – Monday, 21st May



Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education. Remember that you are the most important person in their lives. Your opinion of their effort and achievements counts for a lot.

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