

# Year 3 Parent Information Night

Wednesday, 19 February  
2025



# Hello!

We are Bianca (3B) and Louisa (3L) – the Year 3 teachers.

You can find our emails on Compass or catch us for a chat at the end of the day.

# What we'll cover...

- Science of Learning
- Curriculum
  - PhOrMeS
  - Writing
  - Maths
  - Inquiry (humanities and sciences)
  - Other learning areas (SEL, PE, Kitchen Garden, Specialists)
- Home learning
- Key dates
- NAPLAN
- Reporting and Seesaw
- Questions

# Science of Learning



## NAPLAN - Students by Proficiency Levels 📄

### Exceeding or Strong students in 2024 (%) 📄

For students in Year 5, Reading

84%

Your school

88%

Similar schools

88%

Network

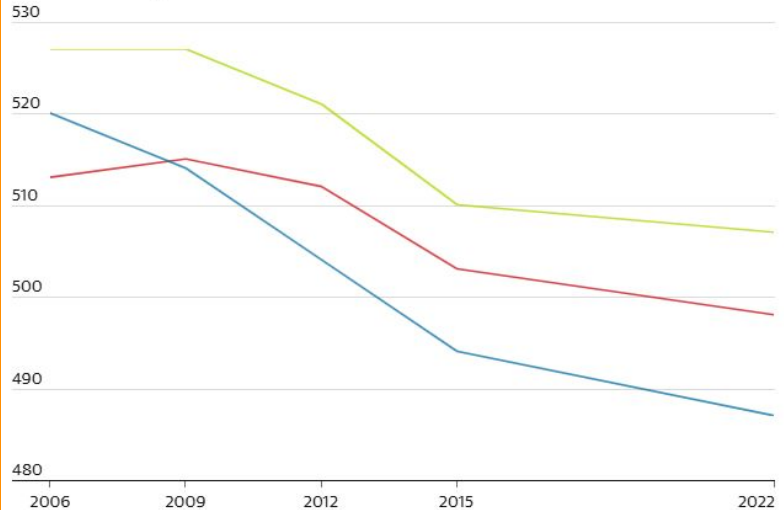
73%

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## Australia's performance over time

Mean scores for Science, Reading and Mathematics has declined

■ Science ■ Reading ■ Mathematics



Guardian graphic | Source: PISA 2022 report, Department of Education and Training



Plain language summary



## Explainer Explicit instruction

September 2023

## Media Release

The Hon Ben Carroll MP  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Medical Research

Thursday, 13 June 2024

MAKING



SCIENCE

National Victoria Education

# Catholic schools reap the benefits of 'back to basics' overhaul



Caroline Schelle

February 16, 2025 – 4:00pm

Save

Share

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A “back to basics” overhaul on how Victoria’s Catholic schoolchildren learn reading and maths has yielded positive results including an improvement of more than 20 per cent in numeracy skills in the 12 months since the change was brought in.

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**WHAT EXACTLY  
IS EXPLICIT  
INSTRUCTION?**

Monday <i>Jac in 3L</i>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Literacy	Literacy - PhOrMeS and handwriting	Literacy	3L STEM 3B - Literacy - PhOrMeS	Literacy
	3L Performing Arts 3B Philosophy		3B STEM 3L - Literacy - PhOrMeS	
<b>Intervallo</b>				
3 / 4 <a href="#">Kitchen Garden</a>	11.25 - 11.50: 3L Library 11.50 - 12.15: 3B Library	Maths	<a href="#">Inquiry</a> with 3 / 4	3B Visual Arts 3L - Maths
	Literacy - Ochre Matilda	<a href="#">Inquiry</a> with 3 / 4	Literacy - Ochre Matilda ▾	3B - Maths 3L - Respectful Relationships Topic 1
<b>Pranzo</b>				
Maths	3L Philosophy 3B - Maths	<i>(Team planning)</i> 3L Italian 3B Performing Arts	Maths	Finishing off
Circle Time	3L - Maths 3B - Respectful Relationships Topic 1	3L Visual Arts 3B Italian	PE with Years 3 and 4	<a href="#">Classroom clean</a>  3pm Assembly
<b>Pack up, tidy and home time</b>				

# CURRICULUM – Literacy Block

## 1. PhOrMeS

- Word Reading – phonics teaching sound letter relationship in a systematic way
- Spelling – taught side by side with word reading (decoding).
- Phonemic Awareness – identify and manipulate of all the spoken sounds in a word.
- Reading Fluency – accuracy, reading rate and expression (prosody).

## 2. Handwriting

## 3. Text study

- Shared read and ‘pause points’ for comprehension
- Explicit teaching of vocabulary
- Sentence-level grammar and punctuation, moving to paragraph and whole text

## 4. Paired fluency



# Maths

## 1. Daily Review

- Can cover any previously learned content

## 2. Main lesson:

- New content in small steps over 8 lessons
- Frequent and varied models
- Guided practise
- 'Check for understanding' strategies
- Enabling and extension

## 3. Independent practise

**Goal:** mastery of skills (acquisition > fluency > generalisation > adaptation)

# INQUIRY

**Term 1: How does chemistry impact our daily lives?**

**Term 2: How are people and places different?**

**Term 3: How do things move?**

**Term 4: What impact did European exploration and settlement have on Australia?**

# Other Curriculum Areas

## **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL):**

- Respectful Relationships
- Circle Time
- Cyber Safety - 'Inform and Empower'
- Sexuality Education - 'Talking the Talk' - Term 2

## **PE**

- With Year 4 weekly
- Term 1 - a focus on Athletics

# Specialists Teachers



**STEM** with Tom



**Philosophy** with Susan



**Kitchen Garden** with Alli & Chantel

**Performing Arts** with Tanya



**Italian** with Dee

**Visual Arts** with Chantel



# Specialist timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3L</b>	Fortnightly Kitchen and Garden	Performing Arts Philosophy Library	Visual Arts Italian	STEM	
<b>3B</b>		Philosophy Library	Performing Arts Italian	STEM	Visual Arts

# Kitchen and Garden- Year 3

Students to complete these rotations over the term.

- Kitchen Skills (washing, preparing and chopping fruits and vegetables)
- Kitchen Theory (equipment in the kitchen)
- Compost
- Garden Theory (tools, plant knowledge/identification)
- How to look after the Chickens

If your child has any **dietary requirements** please email Chantel via Compass.

Hoping to be back in the Kitchen Dining Room next term!



# Kitchen and Garden Helpers

This term we still need volunteers for our kitchen garden sessions.

We are running a 6 group rotation and will need 3 or 4 volunteers each session.



Please use the QR code to sign up!

Thanks for your support!



# Home learning

## Reading

- 20 minutes a night

## Mathletics

- Logins and tasks currently being set up and will be sent home

## Home learning projects

- Term 1 - Harmony Day

## Multiplication and division facts (times tables)

- Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4, all students should be able to...

Recall multiplication facts up to  $10 \times 10$  and related division facts (VCMNA155)



# Term 1 KEY DATES

**Wednesday, 26 February** – Parent Teacher Interviews  
(remember to book via Compass, if you haven't already!)

**Monday, 10 March** – Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday, 11 March** – School Photos

**Wednesday, 12 March to Monday, 24 March** – NAPLAN

**Friday, 14 March** – Grand Prix Curriculum Day

*Looking ahead...*

23 to 27 June – swimming program

3 to 5 December – Years 3 and 4 Camp – Camp Manyung  
(Mount Eliza)

# NAPLAN – all at 9am

WEEK 7		WEEK 8	
<b>Wednesday, 12 March</b>	<b>Thursday, 13 March</b>	<b>Monday, 17 March</b>	<b>Thursday, 20 March</b>
Writing	Reading	Conventions of Language	Numeracy

*\*\* NAPLAN Writing is hand-written; the other three are online. We have scheduled some practise tests, so the students can experience the functionality of the platform.*

# Reporting

End of Semester Reports - Terms 2 and 4

Seesaw updates:

- Maths, Reading, Writing - termly
- Inquiry - once a semester

# Other reminders

- Hats from April to September
- Sunscreen
- Daily fruit snack
- Seesaw passwords



**Questions**



# THANKS!

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