



## Grade 3/4 Learning Community Curriculum Newsletter Term 3, 2020



Welcome to Term 3, 2020 as we start the term with 'Home Learning,' part 2. This is a difficult time for all and we aim to get through this experience by working together. This newsletter contains information about the content of classroom programs in Term 3.

### ***Our teaching staff includes;***

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### **English:**

This term in Reading, we would like to establish home reading routines during this lock down period. We will also be analysing the features of non-fiction texts as to their purpose and structure. During this time, students will be working on skills such as skimming & scanning, researching, questioning, clarifying unknown words and synthesising, which involves using their background knowledge and their evolving understanding. During our Writing unit this term, one of the focus areas will be on 'Information Reports.' We will also look at what good writers do. We will start with generating ideas and planning our writing piece through brainstorming and research. When Writing, a focus will be placed on organisation, including a writer's voice and word choice.

### **Mathematics:**

The Students in Grade 3 & 4 will be learning to use a variety of strategies to solve mathematical problems, including the use of concrete materials when applicable and being able to explain their thinking process when solving problems. We will focus on addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals, data and graphs & statistics and probability.



### **Inquiry:**

In Term 3 we are going to be looking at sustainability and the impact sustainability has on our planet and the local environment. As a cohort we will look at environmental issues and take action within our own school by doing a rubbish audit and sharing this information with the rest of the school. The students will also do research on the natural resources we have in this wonderful country.

### **Homework:**

- **At this stage with 'Home Learning,' there will be no set homework tasks. However when school life gets back to normality we recommend the following 3 activities.**
- **Reading** is an essential component of our homework program. Grade 3/4 students need to read for at least 20 minutes every night and record the books they read in their Student Diary.
- RAZ-Kids: once a week students can complete the comprehension **quizzes** about the books they've read on the Kids A-Z app or web site.
- Students can complete Maths tasks at home using **Sunset Maths** to support their classroom learning. Sunset Maths can be found on the Essential Assessment web site: [www.essentialassessment.com.au](http://www.essentialassessment.com.au) .

### **Key Dates:**

Monday July 20 – Term 3 starts, Home Schooling  
                   ?           – Students come back to school  
 Friday September 18 – Last day of Term 3.  
 Weds Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Camp scheduled at Oasis.

### **Reminders:**

**Fruit & Water:** Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit and vegetables as well as a bottle of water to have in the classroom.

**SAKG:** Felicity our kitchen teacher in no longer with us, so we will only have garden activities until further notice.



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