



St James

Catholic Primary School, Brighton

Year 3/4 Termly Newsletter

Term 1, 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2023 School year! It has been a wonderful start to the year with all children across the Year 3 and Year 4 classes settling in well to the new routines and expectations of being in the middle years of primary school.

Thank you to our parents who were able to attend the Information Session for Year 3/4 and Meet the Teacher appointments. This was an invaluable opportunity for us to find out more about your children, families and how to best support your child this year. If you were unable to attend and would like an opportunity to catch up, please email your child's teacher to arrange this. Here is a link to the information slides that were presented at the information evening for your reference (note information regarding NAPLAN is included for Year 3s): [Year 3/4 Parent Information Evening](#)

The Year 3/4 team is looking forward to collaborating with you on your children's learning journey this year. We are always available via email and you are more than welcome to make a time to pop in and meet with us in person about any issues at all. Everyone is always welcome to bring your child to the classroom before the 9am bell too and say hi.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Bec, Antoinette and Jess

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See below information about:

- Our learning focus this year
- Homework
- Specialist Timetable
- Important dates this year

This Term Our Learning Focus Is:

ENGLISH

Reading and Viewing

- Building reading stamina
- Choosing 'good fit' texts
- Analysing characters and their traits
- Asking and answering comprehension questions - literal, inferential and evaluative
- Completing responses to text including understanding author's purpose

Writing

- The structure of a narrative with particular emphasis on setting and character development
- Writing character profiles using the STEAL character framework
- Constructing and writing a persuasive text with clear arguments
- SMART spelling with a focus on a weekly sound and applying spelling strategies to personal writing
- Paragraphing, adjectives and time connectives

Speaking and Listening

- Engaging in whole class and small group discussions
- Sharing ideas and different points of view
- SRC speeches
- Using appropriate listening and speaking strategies

MATHEMATICS

Number and Algebra

- Understanding the value of numbers and the importance of the place of a number
- Odd and even numbers
- Reading and interpreting multi digit numbers
- Ordering numbers
- Using and implementing addition and subtraction strategies using their understanding of place value

Measurement and Geometry

- Reading and interpreting various maps using scale, legend, keys and grid references
- Creating our own map

Statistics and Probability

- Graphing reading stamina

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Exploring the scripture stories for Lent and Easter
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation and making good choices
- Reflect on the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation

INQUIRY LEARNING

- Rules and laws and how this impacts us
- Investigating 18th Century explorers, where they travelled, and what life was like
- First contact for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with explorers and the impact this had on them with particular focus on cause and effect

SEL

- Zones of Regulation - identifying the 4 zones with a focus on self awareness
- *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships* - Problem solving strategies for our self and in social situations

HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out on Monday and returned the following Monday to allow flexibility in our busy lives. Homework is not to cause angst or distress for anyone in the family and is simply a tool to begin getting into good habits and for families to see what we are learning in class. If it causes any distress at home, please reach out to us.

Reading - this will always be the priority task

- Students will select a book of their choice and read for 15- 20 minutes per night which will be recorded in their diary and include the title and page numbers read.
- Families will support and encourage their child to read each night and sign their child's diary.

Then the following activities are expected to take NO LONGER than 10-15 minutes and to be completed at a time that suits your family unit and timetable.

Mathematics

- Students will have access to Mathletics (soon), in which assigned tasks will be relevant to the learning in the classroom. There may also be a small additional maths task on their homework sheet.

Spelling

- Students will practice their spelling words each night which relate to the SMART spelling focus within the classroom
- Students will also attempt 1-2 spelling activities each week which can be selected from the SMART spelling home learning grid (in the front of their homework book)

Inquiry / R.E. / STEM

- This will be an additional task relevant to the learning within the classroom, which will be a fun, engaging task which promotes family involvement and conversation.

Challenge Task: This is an optional only task that a student may like to complete.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Week A

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
PE - Mrs Kidman	Italian - Miss Marinelli Performing Arts - Mr Niarros Library - Mrs Joplin	Art - Mrs Egan

Library - If children would like to borrow they MUST bring a library bag this week. They are welcome to swap their books in the alternate week but this will not be supported with Mrs Joplin.

Week B

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
PE - Mrs Kidman	Italian - Miss Marinelli	Art with Mrs Egan

UPCOMING EVENTS Important to Year 3/4

Shrove Tuesday - 21st February

Ash Wednesday - 22nd February

Body Works - 27th February, 2nd March, (Years 4)

First Reconciliation - Family Reflection Evening 28th February
Sacrament 12pm 29th March (at school)

Naplan - 15th, 16th, 17th March

School Closure Day - 27th March

School Photos - 28th March

Athletics Carnival - 4th April

End of Term 1 - 6th April (Holy Thursday)

First Communion - Family Reflection Evening 25h July
Reflection Day 10th August

First Communion Wednesday 16th August @ 6pm

Camp (Year 3 & 4) - Narmbool (30 minutes from Ballarat) 3rd - 4th August

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