

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. The year is flying by, but in Year 3 we are in for a busy 10 weeks, full of learning and many other fun school activities. Mrs Hallas will continue to teach the KLA subjects on Fridays and I will be teaching English, Maths and Science on the other days. This term in weeks 6–10 year 3 students will be doing swimming.

As a class, we will be spending some time in the first couple of weeks setting up and establishing new semester learning goals in reading, writing, behaviour and maths. Students will work hard in identifying some areas of improvement.

On Tuesday afternoons we will continue to develop and discuss our SWELL program that promotes student wellbeing. This includes a curriculum that establishes learning about brain health, how the brain works, executive functioning, growth mindset, social and emotional skills, self-regulation and mindfulness. In our class, we are building a positive culture for learning and building strong foundations of friendship, team work and continued growth of a positive mindset to learning.

This term for English, students listen to, read, view and adapt poems featuring an Australian setting. They analyse texts by exploring the context, purpose and audience and how language features and language devices can be adapted to create new meaning. Students will write and present an adaptation of a poem to an audience using appropriate speaking skills.

For Mathematics, we Students are going to work on large numbers and regrouping to 10 000, money and giving change, fractions, multiplication and using units of measurements. The students will also be focussing on math mental skills on a daily basis to help in their strategy and skill practice in everyday mathematics; number knowledge, addition, subtraction, multiplication, time, money and problem solving.

In Science (Thursdays), students will understand how a change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat. They will explore the properties of liquids and solids and understand how to identify an object as a solid or a liquid. Students will identify how science is involved in making decisions and how it helps people to understand the effect of their actions

KLA Friday:

HaSS: Exploring places near and far

Students will inquire how and why places are similar and different by exploring characteristics and connections between people and places. They will build specific HaSS skills of using maps, data and reports to develop findings and conclusions.

Health: I am healthy and active

In this unit students investigate the concepts of physical activity and sedentary behaviours while exploring the recommendations of physical activity for five to 12 year olds. They examine the benefits of physical activity and investigate ways to increase physical activity in their lives.

The Arts: Visual Arts

Students will explore the communication of cultural meaning through found objects and surface manipulation. They will make, display and discuss their own and others' artworks.

As you can see our term is very busy, however, we will still have lots of fun and work hard to enjoy our new learning activities. I hope we all have a safe and happy term ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions throughout the term either by the school number 07 5466 6111 or via 'Class Dojo'.

Kind Regards,

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