

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. It is nice to start the term in a 'normal' way! 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. I would like to welcome Mrs Elly Hallas to the Year 3 class. She is working with your children on Friday's covering the KLA subjects. This was previously done by Mrs Stephanie Muirhead.

We have started our term off by reiterating and tightening our whole school and class expectations and routines. The students have taken part in behaviour lessons around our whole school matrix and activities that explore their social and emotional wellbeing and growth mind set.

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 we are focussing on Narrative texts. We will be looking at comprehending stories from the Dreamtime and Before, Before Time. We are also retelling a story from a different character's point of view. The children will present this as an oral presentation to the class.

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 work through the Physical Science unit 'Hot Stuff'. They will investigate how heat energy is produced and the behaviour of heat when it transfers from one object or area to another. Students will build understandings of how how heat can be observed by touch and that formal measurements of the amount of heat (temperature) can be taken using a thermometer.

On Thursdays, they will continue to take part in their specialist lessons. They will engage in Physical Education with Mrs Hallas and Music with Miss Hays during the afternoon session.

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: Healthy futures

Students will explore the concept of sustainable practice and the ways that they can contribute to the sustainability of the environment in their home, classroom and school.

The Arts: Drama - Dramatic Traditions

In this unit, students make and respond to drama by exploring dramatic traditions and practices in stories of Australia (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander drama) and Australia's neighbouring countries.

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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