

Year 3 Curriculum Update

2026 Term 1



This update will be sent home to let you know what is happening in the specialist classes this term.

Science and Technologies - Cecilie

This term in Science and Technologies, Year 3 students are exploring Earth's resources, focusing on rocks, minerals and soil in the Science: Earth and Space (Geology) unit. They will investigate the properties and formation of rocks and minerals and learn how First Nations Peoples used these resources for practical purposes. Students will record their observations and reflections in a rock journal and take part in a hands-on mining simulation.

Italian- Dee

In Italian this term it's all about 'l'orto' (the veggie garden) as our Year 3s commence the first year of our amazing kitchen-garden program. They'll be learning the Italian words for a range of garden produce and use this language to form sentences around food preferences. Through this topic, our Year 3 students will also practise using articles, forming plurals and using different forms of the verb 'avere' (to have) and 'essere' (to be). They will also learn about the importance of 'l'orto' in Italian culture and look at the wonderful contribution that immigration has made to the Australian food landscape.

Visual Arts- Chantel

Year 3 students will begin the year working on horse themed artworks linked to Chinese New Year, exploring how art is an important part of this celebration. They will look at famous horse line pieces by Pablo Picasso for inspiration.

Students will then move on to explore the Element of Art: Shape. They will classify different types of shapes, including geometric and organic, and explore ways these can be used in their own art projects. They will look at artists who feature shape in their work, such as Paul Klee and Henri Matisse, and take inspiration from them for their own pieces.

Performing Arts- Audrey

This term, students will review basic knowledge of rhythm and beat with a view to beginning to learn to play descant recorder. This instrument will continue to be played throughout the program, with an option to join a recorder ensemble later in the year. This will be a performance oriented ensemble that will rehearse one lunchtime per week.

In class, students will explore the use of melodic percussion for composition. Students will use bordoun, ostinato and simple melodies to begin to create their own music, as a class and, when ready, in small groups.

Physical Education- Hollie

This term in Physical Education, students in Year 3 will be practising a range of athletics skills in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Day at the end of term. Activities will focus on developing running, jumping, and throwing skills, while building fitness, technique, and sportsmanship. Students will also be encouraged to set personal goals, support their peers, and demonstrate teamwork and fair play.

Reminders and Dates for the Calendar

3-6 Athletics day- 2nd of April