



Parent Newsletter Year 3

Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you have had a restful Spring break and enjoyed the sunshine. Take out your diaries and mark in the following exciting events!

SPECIAL EVENTS

SWIMMING

During Weeks 3 and 4 (16th– 26th October), the Year 3 students will participate in the school swimming program which will once again, be held at Mentone Grammar's swimming pool. Please ensure you have swimming attire ready to go (swimming cap, goggles, appropriate swimwear, towel, thongs/sandals).

CAMP

In Week 7 (Monday 13th – Tuesday 14th November), we will be attending an overnight camp located in the Dandenong's. Camp Oasis has many exciting activities including candle making, a visit to the reptile house as well as an impressive flying fox. We are all looking forward to going on a first school camp!

EXCURSION

Our unit of Inquiry in Term 4 is Science, with a specific focus on chemical sciences. We will be going to TwistEd Science in Moorabbin during Week 5 or 6. We look forward to this new and exciting experience for the students.

There will be more information sent out about each of these events closer to the dates.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

LITERACY

In reading, the students will be engaging in Literature Circles where they will read a novel selected by them, to discuss in a small group. We will be continuing to focus the skills of reading through fluency and accuracy tasks, as well as build the students' comprehension skills and expanding their vocabulary. In writing, the students will be exploring different mentor texts and continue practising the traits of writing. There will be a structural focus on procedural and explanation texts and forming paragraphs.

NUMERACY

The students will be continuing to build their understanding of multiplication strategies and building fluency with multiplication facts. Division will be a focus of the term, looking at the relationship between multiplication. In other areas, students will explore and revises concepts of capacity, mass, volume, time and shape. Lessons will include worded problems and problems solving tasks, as our continued approach to authentic mathematics learning.

INQUIRY

Our Inquiry unit this term is Science, with a specific focus on chemical sciences. Our big question is, 'What has chemistry ever done for you?' The students will explore and demonstrate their understanding of the role chemistry plays in our everyday lives and therefore, how it is useful. Students will investigate what matter is, how matter can be classified as well as how the states of matter can be changed.

Additionally, this Inquiry unit will expand students' knowledge of how we select materials, based on their properties, how the scientific process can help us better understand the world as well as some everyday chemical reactions.

TIMETABLE

Our specialist timetable is remaining the same in Term 4.

Subjects/Specialists	3FM	3S	3R
Library	Monday	Monday	Monday
Performing Arts	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday
PE	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Art	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Japanese	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday

HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home fortnightly, provided on a Tuesday and returned to school on the following Friday (10-day cycle). Students are expected to read every school day for 20 minutes and record this reading in their diaries.

COMMUNICATION

If you need to contact your child's classroom teacher, please do so via the 'Beauy Box' at Beaumaris.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Emails will be sent to you about our special events closer to the time. General Year 3 updates will be sent to Facebook and Stop Press.

We look forward to an exciting Term 4 with the students!

Kind regards,

Year 3 Teachers