



Term 4, 2021 – 3/4

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 of 2021! I would firstly like to introduce myself; my name is Alisha Nees (Miss Nees) and I will be your student's teacher for the rest of the 2021 school year. I will be taking over Mrs Bridge and Mrs McGregor as the fulltime classroom teacher in 3/4A. This term I will be teaching Math, English, Science, HaSS, Health and Visual Arts. Students will be going swimming first thing on a Thursday morning.

I am incredibly excited about the teaching and learning programs for this term; it will be a busy, interesting and engaging 10 weeks.

English:

Students will be investigating poetry this term. A range of poems will be analysed and deconstructed to identify the mood, meaning and purpose. Language devices such as rhythm, onomatopoeia, alliteration, neologisms and spoonerisms will be investigated and experimented with to create an engaging text, which students will then be orally presenting to an audience.

Math:

An extensive range of mathematical concepts will be applied during Term 4 through proficiency strands – Understanding, Fluency, Problem solving, and reasoning. Students have opportunities to develop understanding and skills across measurement (mass, length, temperature and capacity), money and financial problems, fractions, shape and area.

Science:

Students will be investigating the observable properties of different materials, such as metals, plastics and ochre. They will be experimenting with ochre to observe how it reacts to being mixed with different substances in hands-on research, and explaining how it can be used in real life situations.

HaSS (humanities and social sciences):

Data about Australian places will be recorded and represented in different formats by students, as well as identifying Australian states and important landmarks. Students will use information to compare two places, investigate democratic decision making, and devising actions in response to community issues.

Health:

Students will be revising the importance of incorporating physical activity in their every day routines, and exploring different ways which they can make time for physical activity, change it up, and get up, get outside and get active!



The Arts - Visual Arts:

Students will be exploring 'tiny worlds' and how shape, colour, material, patterns and texture can manipulate the feeling of an artwork and express the artists views. Students will be creating their own tiny world using a range of materials to develop their own individual expression.

Library (Mrs Ebborn):

Students need to have a library bag to borrow out books. Please send their library bags with them on Mondays for borrowing. They will be able to borrow a book to use as a home reader for the week. Students can also earn OWLS by reading from Wushka or SORA at home.

PE (swimming):

Students will be swimming on **Thursdays from 8:45am – 10:05am**. They will be learning water safety and swimming, in entering and exiting the water safely, submergence, buoyancy and survival activities.

LOTE (Auslan – Mrs Green):

AUSLAN will be taught on a Friday morning for 30 minutes.

Homework:

Students received their homework booklets on Tuesday. This includes a weekly spelling, English and math activity which aligns with their in-class lesson content. Homework is due on **Fridays**.

Brain break:

At 10:00am each day, students are given 10 minutes to have a short fruit/cheese/cracker/water break. We encourage healthy snacks that can sustain them during the morning session.

Events:

Grandparent's Day; State Education Week; Recycling Week; Day for Daniel; Teachers' Day; Outdoor Classroom Day; World Kindness Day; Jump Rope for Heart; Remembrance Day; Swimming carnival; STEM; Graduation and Carol's in the Grove. More information will come as these days arrive on our calendar.

Contact:

Class Dojo: We will be continuing to communicate via Class Dojo, but we are only a phone call or pop in visit away if need be. Any parents who need invites, please let us know.

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I look forward to getting to know you and your students!

Warm regards,

Alisha Nees