



GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Term 2, 2024. We are looking forward to this term and are excited about the learning and events to come. It promises to be another exciting term! Compass remains our platform for all communication across the school but please read below for information regarding the activities, learning and special dates occurring throughout Term 2 in the grade three area.

CURRICULUM NEWS

English

In reading this term students will focus on using comprehension strategies when answering literal and inferential questions. This helps students to draw conclusions, interpret and evaluate information, combine ideas and identify tone and voice from a written text. Students are expected to read for at least fifteen minutes per night during the school week and complete their own diary, which needs to be returned to school each day. In writing this term students will explore explanations and different forms of poetry. In our SMART Spelling program this term, students will investigate a number of graphs, digraphs and trigraphs. Students will be given many speaking and listening opportunities to encourage and develop skills to present confidently and clearly to an audience.

Mathematics

In Number and Algebra, students will be revising their understandings of addition, subtraction and multiplication. They will be developing their problem solving skills and strategies. In Measurement and Geometry students will continue learning about time and will explore 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry and length.

Inquiry

Term two covers the curriculum areas of Science, Design and Technology with our scientific inquiry unit 'How does it grow?'. During this unit students learn about the needs and characteristics of living and non-living things. They investigate seeds and the germination process by conducting experiments and recording their observations. Students learn about classifying animals using observable features. As a part of this unit students go on an excursion to Edendale Farm.

Physical Education

In Physical Education this term, Grade 3 students will continue to work on ball handling skills focusing on throwing, catching, passing and kicking. They will apply these skills in sport situations in the games of soccer, tee ball and AFL.

Visual Art

In Visual Art this term, Grade 3 students will be completing the painting after the firing process of their hand formed terracotta clay dinosaur. Monet's Impressionist paintings of waterlilies will be studied with emphasis on colour, light and layering. Students will create an Impressionist style representation using acrylic paint and a variety of brushes. The process of quilling thin strips of paper will be introduced with students beginning to learn the skill and technique.

Italian

In Italian this term, Grade 3 students will be reading the story 'Giacco e il Fagiolo' – Jack and the Bean. The focus will be on practising correct pronunciation of the new vocabulary learnt. Students will be performing the 'Cammina Cammina' – Walking Walking rhyme through role play using puppets and our puppet theatre.

STEM

In STEM this term, Grade 3 students will be completing an inquiry into electronics and computer systems using Micro:Bit. They will investigate the ways that inputs, outputs, software and hardware work together using block coding to create programs. During the term, students will plan, code and investigate systems using Micro:bit sensors and peripherals.

GRADE 3 Important Dates for Term 2

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
1	Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day
	TBC	Swimming
4	Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May Wednesday 8th May	Maths Week Open Morning 9am - 11am Please note Grade 3's have specialists in session one, rooms will be open from 10am
5	Monday 13th May	Athletics Day
6	Wednesday 22nd May	PPD - Curriculum Day
7	Thursday 30th May	Edendale Farm excursion
8	Friday 7th June	Curriculum Day
9	Monday 10th June	Monarch's Birthday

We encourage parents to engage with their children and ask them questions about their school day. Below are some questions that you could ask your child about their day at school.

What made you smile today?

Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?

What did you do that was creative?

What was the best thing that happened today?

What is something you heard that surprised you?

Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.

What is something that challenged you?

What questions did you ask at school today?

What are you reading?

<https://herviewfromhome.com/50-questions-to-ask-your-kids-instead-of-asking-how-was-your-day/>

We are looking forward to a very productive term. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,

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