

Year 3/4 Newsletter

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3. With Tree Talks around the corner and Bookweek this week, plus a Winter Carnival to prepare for- we are a busy bunch! The Year 3/4s continue to work hard every day, they are a fabulous group and are really working very well together.

Mrs Kristo & Mr Kelly



Literacy

For the remaining weeks in the term, writing lessons will involve the students being explicitly taught how to write compound sentences by using coordinated conjunctions to join simple sentences or two or more independent clauses. They will also be investigating how quoted and reported speech work in different types of texts.

In reading lessons, students will be taught the following strategies.

- Skimming and scanning.
- Identifying Author's Purpose.
- Cause and effect.
- Distinguishing between fact and opinion.

These strategies will form part of their tool kit to help make sense of what they are reading. We are currently focusing on the skimming and scanning strategy.

For the past few weeks we have been busy researching and writing our speeches, ready for presentation at the Tree Talks in week 8. We have been learning about what makes a great speech and how to present information to an audience in an engaging way.

Religion

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Early next term, our Year 3 students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In order to prepare these students and support them as a class, we will be exploring this Sacrament for the rest of the term. We will explore how the conscience is a gift that guides people to choose between right and wrong and that when people listen to their conscience, they live peacefully. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, people ask God for forgiveness. Throughout this unit we will learn the First and Second Rite of Reconciliation and the steps involved in celebrating the Sacrament.

Year 4

In Religion we are continuing our penance unit. Within this unit we will explore how our emotions can influence behaviours and relationships and how Christians are strengthened by God's love to show love and mercy to others. In the coming week we will read 'The Parable of the Lost Sheep' and we will explore the meaning within the parable, and the lesson that Jesus was teaching about God's love and forgiveness.

Upcoming Events

- 23rd August Book Week Parade 9am
- 25th August Winter Carnival
- 28/29th August Year 4/5 Camp
- 30th August Whole School Mass
- 5th September Classroom Open Night
- 8th September Tree Talks
- 18th September Swimming Lessons

Health

Year 3

This term, students will be learning about privacy and the body, recognising abuse and safe secrets. This will be taught in age appropriate contexts, using suitable language and examples for their age.

Year 4

In Health, students will be examining the influence of emotional responses on behaviour and relationships and also investigating the role of preventive health in promoting and maintaining health, safety and wellbeing for individuals and their communities.

Sport

We have been working hard on our skipping, everyone has shown great improvement in their coordination and fitness. We are working on a few tricks too. With the Winter Carnival upon us, we are excited to showcase our teamwork and skills this Friday. For the remainder of the term, we will continue playing hockey, developing our skills and working on game play.

STEM

Year 3

This term, we are exploring different traditional foods from around the world. We were challenged to research and investigate one particular country and the traditional food they use to celebrate. In the coming weeks, we will be using our coding skills to present the information we discovered through our researching process.

Year 4

In STEM, students will be learning and applying their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products by understanding what floor robots are and how they are programmed and controlled.

Numeracy

Mathematics will be taught for a minimum of 60 minutes every day. Mental Mathematics and problem-solving strategies will be part of the daily mathematic lessons. For the remaining weeks of term the students will be learning the following topics.

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- Fraction as division.
- Fraction on a number line.
- 3D objects.
- Australian currency.
- Division facts 5, 10
- Tendering cash.
- Giving change.
- Simple budgets.

Year 4

- Equivalent fractions.
- Fractions on a number line.
- Litres and millilitres.
- Mixed numbers.
- Improper fractions.
- Simple budgets.
- Number patterns.
- Tessellation.

Investigation years 3/4.

"The time of My life" is the title of the investigation that students will be conducting in weeks 8-10. They will investigate and discover such things as: the number of days they have lived, the number of meals they have eaten and the number of times their heart beats every day. This Investigation allows students to work with large numbers in a way they will find interesting and informative. They will also be able to practise collecting and recording data in a meaningful context.

HASS

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This term we have been exploring History. We have been very lucky to be joined by our Creative Practitioner, Kim from the Creative Schools Program. With the help of Kim, we have been exploring our past and present and how things have changed over time. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the past and present of our parents and grandparents. We are eager to discover what is different and the same about our past childhoods. Be ready to be interviewed by your child so they gather relevant information for our investigation!

Year 4

So far this term we have been very busy learning all about the First Fleet and we can't wait for you to come to our class open night and see all the wonderful things we have been creating. So far we have learnt about the reasons for the arrival of the British in Australia. We have explored the journey of the eleven ships within the First Fleet and the struggles they faced. For the remainder of the term, we will explore the implications for the First Peoples upon the arrival of the First Fleet.

Science

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In the remaining four weeks of term, students will continue learning about Physical science. Students will be learning about the forces of buoyancy, gravity and air resistance. They will then revise the forces covered in the unit, finishing with a force knowledge check. This involves the students demonstrating their understanding of push and pull forces.

Year 4

For the remaining weeks of the term, students will continue learning about Physical science. Students will be learning how to use mirrors to investigate some of the properties of reflected light. We will observe the refraction of light at the surfaces of different transparent materials. Students will investigate how the colour of an object depends on the properties of the object and the colour of the light source. At the end of the unit students will design an experiment that demonstrates an understanding of light and fair testing.

