

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, TERM 4

FROM THE CLASSROOM

It was very surreal starting our term with just the Year Three students in the classroom. The classroom has had a change around and we are ready for a busy term ahead. Before we know it, we will be singing Christmas carols and getting ready to farewell the year.

Please take the time to look through our newsletter and see the amazing things we have happening this term.

As always, please come and see us if you have any queries or concerns with your child.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 16th Oct: Year 3 Mass

Fri 18th Oct: Food Bowl Excursion

Wed 23rd Oct: Reconciliation

Mon 11th Nov: Remembrance Day Liturgy

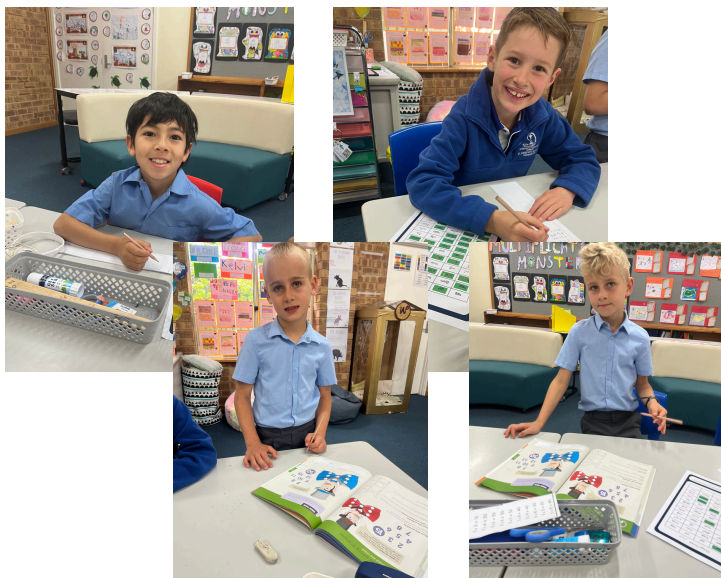
Fri 15th Nov: Athletics Carnival

Wed 20th Nov: School Advisory Council ACM

Wed 27th Nov: Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Tue 3rd Dec: Christmas Concert & Awards Night

Fri 6th Dec: Last Day of Term



ENGLISH

Spelling

This term we are continuing our targeted spelling program. We will also have a weekly spelling rule lesson. Check out some of our rules we will learn in the coming weeks.

1. When a word ends in o, s, x, z, ch or sh you add 'es' to make it plural
2. Use 'ck' after a short vowel
3. 'e' goes away when 'ing' comes to stay or any other vowel suffix
4. When a word ends 'consonant y', change 'y' to an 'i' and add 'es'

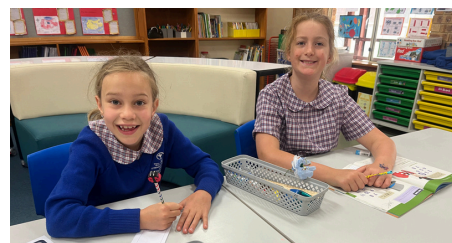
We are also trialling a spelling support app called 'Nessy'. The students have completed placement tests and will work through advancing through the Nessy Islands.

Writing

This term, students will focus on enhancing their narrative writing skills, aiming to create captivating and imaginative stories. We will dive deep into key narrative elements, such as structure, language, and character development. Through targeted lessons, students will refine their storytelling techniques, with the goal of crafting and publishing their very own books by the end of the term!

Reading

This term we are reading a novel called 'The One and Only Ivan'. This story is written in the perspective of a captured gorilla and how he keeps a promise to his friend. We really look forward to listening to this story each day and learning about Ivan's story.



RELIGION

For the start of the term, we will be continuing to learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation in readiness for some of our Year Three students to take their first reconciliation with Father Edwin. We will learn more about how reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness, and the joy of returning to a happy relationship with God. We will learn the importance of treating others how we would like to be treated, with love and kindness.

HASS

In History, we will be learning how the past is in the present. Our focus will be on the history of the 'Old School' in town and learning about its story. We will learn the history of this building, in the local community and what it reveals about the past.

In Geography, we will be learning about the activities (e.g. retailing, recreational, farming, manufacturing, medical, policing, educational, religious) that take place in the local community which create its distinctive features and the influence of purpose (e.g. shopping, recreation), distance (e.g. location) and accessibility (e.g. technology, transport) on the frequency with which people visit places.

SPORT

This term in Sport we will be busy preparing for the Athletics Carnival coming up soon in week 6. We will be working on our vortex throwing skills and long jump. We will also be organising our team games; leaderball, tunnelball, passball, wheelball, thread the needle, shuttle relays and flag race. In order to improve our speed and accuracy we will be doing lots of work on our agility and ball skills.

We also have Keith from Hockey WA coming to our school this term for a few visits. Keith visited us in Term 1 and we are looking forward to learning a bit more about hockey and improving our skills.

MATHS

Number and Algebra

In the first half of this term, we will focus on fractions. Students will explore models and symbols for fractions, learn to identify fractions on a number line, and understand how fractions represent division. This will help them build a solid foundation in their understanding of fractions!

Measurement and Geometry

This term we will begin learning about angles. We will learn the meaning of acute angle, right angle, obtuse angle and straight angle. We will then turn our attention to 3D shapes and their properties. After this, we will be exploring the chance of events happening. We will learn about the language used to describe probability and complete investigations on chance activities

This term we will have a fortnightly problem solving focus based on a different strategy. Our first two strategies we will explore are called, 'guess and check' and 'make a table'.

HEALTH

This term in Health, we will be learning about communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing. We will explore the appreciation and encouragement of the behaviour of others through the use of manners, positive language and praise.

We will also learn some strategies to use when needing to seek, give or deny permission such as using assertion and non-verbal body language.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES

This term in Technology, we will be looking into all things that come in packaging. We will then design our own packaging to house a healthy school lunch. In food and fibre production we will learn to identify plants and animals used for production and their basic needs.

In Science we will be learning how different materials can be combined for a particular purpose. We will then apply this knowledge when we design and make our own packaging.