

Year 3 TERM 1 Update, 2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As Term One draws to an end, we are delighted to update our families on how productive, motivated and settled the children have been moving into Year 3. They have experienced success in new routines, developed positive learning relationships with classmates and are meeting learning outcomes with interest.

Please take time to read our Newsletter to enjoy and stay up to date with curriculum, events and excursions in Year 3.

Important Dates to remember:

- Thursday 21st of March- Harmony Day
- Tuesday 26th of March- 'Curriculum and Learning at Essex Heights' Parent Information Evening 7-8pm
- Thursday 28th of March- Community Walk- Damper Creek 11:30 – 1pm
- Thursday 4th of April- Fun Run
- Friday 5th of April- Grandparents Day

Reminders

- We will be participating in our Year 3 **Community Walk** on Thursday 28th of March to Damper Creek Reserve in Mount Waverley. Please let your class teacher know if you are available to come along to enjoy our walk. We would appreciate your company and participation in this event.
- **Fun Run**- More information will be provided soon. You are invited to join in our training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15am – 8:45am on the School Oval.
- **Mangahigh Mathematics** – The students are working hard on this challenge and the opportunity to win a medal. It's not too late to get involved! See your class teacher if you have misplaced your login details.
- **Grandparents Day** – Grandparents Day is such a wonderful celebration for our whole school community.
Please note:
If your child is leaving school early on Grandparents Day you must:
 - Enter an absence note on Compass; and
 - Specify the name and relationship of the student on the absence note- (eg "John will be collected from school by his grandparents, Bill & Wendy Smith").
- **NAPLAN**- We have begun NAPLAN preparation, revising curriculum content and test examples with the students. NAPLAN testing takes place on consecutive days between Tuesday 14th of May and Thursday 16th of May.
- You can find more information on the following website: <http://www.nap.edu.au/>.
- **Recorders** – The Grade 3 children are very excited to be the first students in the school to take up the opportunity to learn the recorder during their Music lessons with Miss Dolence. They have enjoyed decorating unique recorder covers for their new instruments. Please ensure the Recorder is returned to school each Wednesday.

Homework

- Spelling homework has commenced. Spelling words are sent home each Monday and Spelling Booklets are expected to be returned the following Monday.
- It is important that nightly reading is recorded in the 'Green book'. Your classroom teacher will check reading progress. We understand that some reading literature may take longer to complete, but please record how many pages read or the time spent reading each night.

Our Learning

- **Reading:** In Reading, the children continue to refine their reading skills and strategies. These skills include identifying the main point and supporting details in text as well as cause and effect. We encourage the children to read orally for pacing, expression and fluency.
- **Writing:** The children experienced NAPLAN testing conditions to write a recount about a favorite birthday party they have been to. The subject matter included writing a text about their own or a family/friend's party. Currently the children are exploring the structure of persuasive text and subject matter. They really love sharing their opinions with reasons why they feel strongly about topics.
- **Maths:** The children have been extending their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. They are beginning to explore simple fractions and units of time.
- **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds:** We had a great incursion that gave us new information about looking after ourselves and we had lots of fun trying Hip-Hop dancing and taekwondo! We are exploring a healthy life balance including 5 fruits or vegetables, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour of exercise and 0 sugary drinks a day.

It is always fantastic to have the support of parents in our classrooms and throughout the school, as many of our programs cannot operate without your input. If you would like to assist in the classroom in any way, please see your child's classroom teacher. All parent helpers need to have a 'Working with Children's Check'.

Looking forward to continuing a wonderful partnership with our families for the rest of Term One and throughout the year.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team