

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Parent Information - Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Stage 2 for Term 2 2018, and a special welcome to our new families. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Reports will be sent home **Friday 29 June** and the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at 3-way conferences will be on **Monday 2 July** or **Tuesday 3 July 2018**. Welcome to Miss Michelle Ko who will be replacing Miss Williams on class 3W this term. Miss Cocking will be relieving Assistant Principal on Year 3.

SCHOOL PLAN 2018-2020

Strategic direction 1: High engagement, Inspired learning: To ensure all students are inspired to learn and experience success and progress through learning that is challenging and is situated in authentic and meaningful contexts. Students are highly engaged through quality learning across the curriculum that is evidence-based and provides equity and improvement for all.

Strategic direction 2: Connect and Grow: To ensure that every child knows that they are valued and cared for. Teachers and the school nurture, guide and challenge students to be increasingly self-motivated, confident and creative individuals whose individual potential is developed and grown.

Strategic direction 3: Proactive Partnerships: To ensure that collaborative, positive partnerships are built with students, staff, families, communities and other organisations to support and develop students and the school.

ENGLISH

English topics support the achievement our school targets aimed at producing lifelong engaged learners. In reading, students will continue to develop effective reading strategies through participation in Reciprocal Reading. This will include furthering of skills in predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising. In writing, the aim is for students to strengthen their application of cohesive devices when creating informative, persuasive and imaginative texts. It is important that students read a variety of text regularly at home for pleasure and as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics covers the strands of; working mathematically, number and algebra, measurement and geometry, statistics and probability. Students will continue to develop mathematical skills through a variety of practical activities and situations, which enhance their capacity to think critically and creatively. Problem solving strategies such as Read It, Think It, Solve It, Check It and Explain It are reinforced in all mathematics tasks. Topics covered this term include multiplication and division, fractions, area, time and data.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT / SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Students actively participate in inquiry-based activities to develop their understanding of the Earth's Environment. Students will continue learning about the importance of natural vegetation and learn about the ways people value environments, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. In Science and Technology, student will continue to develop their skills in investigating how adding or removing heat causes a change of state between solids and liquids and identifying the physical properties of natural and processed materials.

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS

Drama will be taught during RFF lessons. Visual Arts, Dance and Music will be part of integrated classroom learning and may include activities on local and global events.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PD/H/PE)

Students will deepen their knowledge and understanding of drug education this term through class PDH programs. Every Friday students will participate in two hours of sport, either representing the school in PSSA or developing skills through modified games as part of the school sport program or the Sports in School Australia program.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are a special time for family celebrations. On your child's birthday, teachers are happy to distribute fruit, muffins, cupcakes, lolly bags or mini donuts to classmates before they go home. **Please ensure there are no balloons or party poppers in lolly bags. Please be aware of students with nut allergies.**

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Year 3 students will sit for the **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** from **Tuesday 15 May to Friday 25 May**. A timetable will be created for your child's class to complete the writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy tests between these dates. You will receive a copy of this timetable closer to the dates. While this test is important, it is only a snapshot of their performance. It will reflect learning from Kindergarten to the present. For more information visit- <http://www.naplan.edu.au> We ask that your child brings in their own headphones/earphones throughout the NAPLAN period.
- Year 3 will be attending a Fizzics incursion on Monday 28th May related to their learning in Science and Technology.
- Please check the newsletter for important dates such as special school events, excursions and visiting performances. These are an essential part of learning. If you require help paying for your child to attend, please see your child's teacher.
- Assembly is on **Wednesday from 11:20am to 12pm**. Your child will invite you when their class is leading the assembly. Assemblies now run once a month for Years 3 and 4.

Keep up to date with current school events and information by signing up to the school newsletter and joining our school Twitter account.



WPS Newsletter



We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child this term.

Mr Jenkins
Principal
May 2017

Ms Doran
Deputy Principal

Miss Cocking
Relieving Assistant Principal

Mr Scally
Assistant Principal

Stage 2 teachers