

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Parent Information - Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Stage 3 for Term 2 2018 and a special welcome to our new families. We are anticipating a very busy term and are looking forward to working with you and your child. On Friday 29 June your child's Semester 1 report will be sent home. You will also have the opportunity to discuss their progress at three-way conferences on Monday 2 July or Tuesday 3 July.

Our school strategic directions have changed this year and these will be our targets until 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 continues to be emphasised to achieve our school targets aimed at producing lifelong engaged learners. In reading, the Literature Circles roles teach students to decode and define unknown words, identify elements of grammar, ask and answer questions, make connections between texts and life experiences, summarise texts in their own words and reflect on & interact with texts at a deeper level. In writing, the aim is for students to create cohesive informative, persuasive and imaginative texts. Please continue to encourage your child to read a variety of texts at home for pleasure and also for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

MATHEMATICS

Students are encouraged to use mathematical language to explore and explain their thinking and processes, to reflect on their work and develop their ability to work mathematically. The strands covered across Stage 3 this term are Number and Algebra (multiplication and division), Measurement and Geometry (2D & 3D shapes) and Probability and Statistics (chance).

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)

All Stage 3 students are working on the same integrated units of work: Built environments & products, Australia as a nation, Material & physical world, A diverse and connected world.

Technology forms an integral part of daily learning and is embedded in all subjects. Students learn skills in word processing, multimedia and internet use. All classrooms have an Interactive Whiteboard. Stage 3 classes are continuing to take part in the **Bring your own device program**. Students can bring an agreed device as soon as they have returned the note to their teacher.

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS

Drama will be taught during RFF lessons. Visual arts will be part of classroom learning and may include activities on the theme for the term.

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

Students participate in 2 hours of sport every Friday. This may include representing the school as part of a PSSA team or learning skills and games as part of the school sport program. Students will also undertake drug education lessons this term and continue to build their skills in being resilient and developing a growth mindset.

Other important events

- Year 5 students will sit for the *National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)* 15 May to 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 testing period.
- Your child must remember to bring his/ her pencil case with appropriate equipment every day, so as to maximise learning time. This includes their device if they have brought in their note.
- Please check the newsletter for important dates such as 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.
- Assemblies are held every 4 weeks for each grade on **Wednesday 11:20am to 12:10pm**. Your child will invite you when their class is leading the assembly.

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
April 2018

Ms Doran
Deputy Principal

Mr Roberts
Relieving Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Teachers