



Government  
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# Room 28 Newsletter

## Term 3 2019



### Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3! Term 2 was extremely busy and I hope the students enjoyed the break after a very action packed ten weeks.

Last term the year 3's focussed on learning all about recycling and the environment. As a result we have made changes in class aimed at reducing, reusing and recycling. Currently we are aiming to bring 'nude food' lunches wherever possible. We are recycling paper, cardboard cans and bottles and food scraps at school and are collecting our soft plastic waste and taking it to Coles. It is exciting to see students thinking about how the choices they make at school have an impact on the environment.

We all enjoyed our excursion to the Urbrae wetlands where we learnt about the biodiversity of the wetlands and how animals make adaptations to their environment. It was fascinating to see how the wetlands cleaned the flood water which entered from gutters and roofs. Our Room 28 Scientists did a brilliant job of recording and measuring how clean the water was from the start to the end of the wetlands. Many thanks to our family volunteers who made the excursion possible.

This term we will be learning about Space. We will be focussing on how the Earth moves in relation to the Sun and Moon. It is great timing as there has been a lot of media interest in the 50th Anniversary of the first Lunar landing. In History we will be investigating the Lunar landing and the changes in space travel. Students will be asked to interview someone who watched the lunar landing on television in 1969 to gain an oral account of this part of our history and later in the term students will create a diorama about Space as an assessment piece. They will be required to provide a shoe box to make their diorama. I have been collecting shoe boxes but do not have enough for the whole class! It would help if you could send in a shoe box for your child to save ready for when it is required later in the term.

This term we are planning an exciting excursion. The proposed date will be on Wednesday, 4th September but more details will be provided closer to the date.

During Term 3 we will also be filling in our Premiers Reading challenge forms. These will be kept in class and can be filled in at the start of the day. It is pleasing to see how many students are reading for pleasure and sharing their love of books.

A big thank you to parents who support their child to complete homework and read at home. This support helps consolidate learning and makes a big difference to student growth.

As always please feel free to call or visit if you would like to talk about your child's learning.

**Kind regards, Rachel Shephard**

### What's on this term

**Assemblies this term will be held on Thursdays in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 at 9:00am in the Hall**

**Monday 12th - Friday 16th August  
Science Week**

**Tuesday 13th August  
Star Lab**

**Monday 19th to 23rd August  
Bookweek**

**Thursday 22nd August  
No Pen Day**

**Thursday 29th August  
Bookweek Assembly**

**FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST  
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

**MONAY 2ND SEPTEMBER  
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Monday 16th - Friday 20th  
September  
Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Wednesday 25th September  
Casual Day  
with gold coin donation**

**Friday 27th September  
Last day of term 3  
Early dismissal at 2:00pm**

**Term 4 commences  
Monday 14th October**

## Literacy

Our Literacy programme will be intensive and individualised to meet the needs of each student.

This includes:

- **Spelling and Grammar**
- Val Hunter spelling and Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar
  
- **Reading**
- Big 6 Literacy activities daily
- oral language
- phonemic awareness
- phonics
- comprehension
- vocabulary building
- fluency
  
- **Writing**
- **Journaling**
- sentence and paragraph structure
- punctuation
- persuasive writing
- narrative writing
- handwriting
- literature responses
- comprehension strategies
- Bright Path assessment for writing

## Maths

As a school we will continue to work on developing sound understanding of place value through our *Big Ideas in Number* Program. Students will be using a games based approach at a level appropriate to their needs. This term we will focus on:

### Number

- odd/even
- place value
- addition and subtraction strategies
- multiplicative thinking
  
- *Big Ideas in Number Games*
- number talks
- subitising

### Money

- Australian currency
- rounding up
- equivalent values
- giving change
- simple budgets
- multiplication facts
- organising and reinterpreting data

## History and Social Science

In History we will be considering:

- oral recounts of the first lunar landing
- history of space timeline
- changes in space technology
- the moon in Aboriginal dreaming stories

In Geography we will be considering:

- the rotation of the Earth on its axis effects day and night and weather around our planet



## Civics and Citizenship

We continue to hold weekly class meetings to learn about :

- How are decisions made democratically?
- Why do we make rules?
- How can I participate in my community?
- the importance of making decisions democratically
- conventions of running a meeting

## Visual/Media Arts and Design

Topics this term include some space inspired artworks:

- depictions of Earth using different mediums
- Space in Art - Art appreciation
- diorama and model making
- creating sundials
- Lunar Module Space challenge
- media reports of the Lunar landing
- changes in media reporting



## P.E and Health

### Mrs Stephanie Ryan

After an extremely successful first semester, we are excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills. In term 3 students will learn about fitness and the components required to keep fit. Students will also learn about the importance of hygiene.



The term 3 Physical Education component involves the following:

Fitness components - Students will participate in a number of different fitness tests. This will give students the opportunity to improve their own fitness which will help them now and in future years.

Sports Day Practise – Students will practise all of the sports day events in which they will be competing to ensure that they are prepared for the day in term 4.

## Drama and Music

### Ms Selena Britz

This term the class will learn how to play the recorder. They will learn fingering and breathing techniques to help them to be able to play the instrument successfully. The students will learn how to read music notation and how to follow the sheet music of the songs they are playing. The class will also continue to learn to sing new songs as well as some old favourites.

## Auslan

### Ms Krohn

During Term 3 the students will be reviewing 'Number and Time' as well as expanding their Auslan vocabulary through signing games, songs, video, the use of IT equipment and projects. We will cover these through a "Travel/Transport" topic.

## Our Excursion to Urbrae Wetlands



## Room 28's Scientists at work

