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Room 31 Newsletter

Term 3 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We cannot believe that we are already more than half way through the year! We hope you have enjoyed the winter break and are ready for another busy term. This term we look forward to the official opening of the new STEM centre, the School Science Fair and an excursion to a past era! The students are all very enthusiastic about being back and have settled into their routines nicely.

We hope that over the break you and your child have had a chance to go through their mid-year report and have talked about some of their successes as well as ways they can improve. Student goals will be sent home in the coming weeks and this will be another opportunity to talk with your child about their achievements, the growth they have made this year and where they hope to be towards the end of year 3.

Homework

The homework contract will continue to be sent home fortnightly. This is provided for your child to consolidate their skills, as well as a way for you to engage with your child about their learning. It's also a great way to start a conversation with them about what we have been doing at school. You might find that you can add to their knowledge and understanding through sharing your own ideas and experiences.

Please continue to set time aside to read with your child every day. Not only is reading a fundamental life skill, it is also something that can simply be enjoyed.

“Keep reading, It’s one of the most marvellous adventures anyone can have”.

Working Together

We will continue supporting our reception PALS in room 5 with their reading, as well as joining them for other fun activities throughout the term.

Our new STEM centre is almost complete and we are very much looking forward to utilising this new space. Until the official opening we will continue to have library books in the classroom available for students to borrow and take home. These can be borrowed as often as needed. We would also like you to remind your child about changing their readers and novels. It is your child’s responsibility to do this as soon as they come into the classroom in the morning.

What’s on this term

**PLEASE NOTE THAT
ASSEMBLIES WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY OF WEEKS
2, 6, 8, AND 10**

Week 2

**Thursday 2nd August
Red Food Day– Donuts**

Week 5

**Wednesday 22nd August
Science Spectacular**

Week 6

**Tuesday 28th August
No Pen Day**

**Thursday 30th August
Book Week Parade**

**Friday 31st August
Pupil Free Day**

Week 7

**Monday 3rd September
School Closure**

Week 8

Optional Interviews

Week 10

**Wednesday 26th September
Gold Coin Casual Day**

**Friday 28th September
Last Day of Term
2:00pm Dismissal**

Curriculum

English

Our writing focus this term will be on information reports and procedures. We will also revisit persuasive texts and students will be given the opportunity to produce a piece of writing for our Brightpath assessment. Our English program will also include spelling, grammar, guided reading and handwriting.

Mathematics

Our mathematical focus this term will be on measurement. This includes measuring, ordering and comparing objects using metric units of length, weight and capacity. Students will use a range of tools through an inquiry based unit of learning. We will also continue to develop number skills through the school wide Big Ideas in Number program as well as through the STAR model of problem solving.

Science

Students will continue to engage with the Primary Connections science resources, which is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Your child will develop their skills in predicting, observing, recording and analysing, through fun, hands-on science lessons. This term our topic is 'Earth and Space'. Through shared experiences of shapes, relative sizes and positions of the sun, Earth and moon. They will then be given opportunities to represent and explain their understanding of how Earth's rotation on its axis causes night and day, and to introduce current scientific views.

Humanities and Social Sciences

This term, students will continue working with Room 32 to explore how the community has changed and remained the same over time and the role that people of diverse backgrounds have played in the development and character of the local community. As part of this learning we will have organised an excursion to the Uleybury School Museum in One Tree Hill. Here students will be able to step back in time and experience school as it was in times gone by.

Media Arts

This term students will engage in the Media Art standard. Media arts involves creating representations of the world and telling stories through communications technologies such as television, film, video, newspapers, radio, video games, the internet and mobile media. Students learn to be critically aware of ways that the media are culturally used and negotiated, and are dynamic and central to the way they make sense of the world and of themselves.

Digital Technologies

We will move from Design and Technology to Digital Technologies this term. Students will be problem solvers and as they develop their skills in coding and creating algorithms through the use of ipads and spheros. This will be a very hand-on unit of learning which we're sure all of our students will thoroughly enjoy.

Health and Physical Education

During term 3 in Health lessons, students will investigate Keeping Safe: Child Protection curriculum. There will be a focus on safety around medicines, fire safety and road safety. Relationships will also be discussed, including getting along with others and making friends. In Physical Education students will have the opportunity to participate in striking and fielding games. Students will also practise their skills by playing target games. Participating in physical activity teaches students key learnings such as cooperation, resilience and social skills.

Please be aware that your child has Health and PE on Thursday's and therefore will need to bring a drink bottle and wear appropriate sports shoes, clothing and a hat to be able to fully participate in lessons.

David Poulain - Specialist Health/PE Teacher

Music and Drama

This term in music students will be participating in the Recorder Karate program. Students will be working in small groups to develop the skills required to earn belts. Students will continue to learn how to read music on the treble clef. Later in the term, they will begin to look at the *Music Count Us In* song in preparation for Term 4.

If your child has their own recorder, please make sure they have it at school on Tuesdays for lessons.

In drama, students will continue to explore the elements of a character and will use these in different settings. They will examine story structure and practise applying this to their dramas. Students will participate in scripted drama including Reader's Theatre.

Georgia Yates - Specialist Music/Drama Teacher

Remember, as part of our Sun Safe policy, hats are required to be worn outside all year. Please ensure your child's hat is named.

We look forward to another wonderful term with room 31.

Katrice White and Laura Gretsas

