

Level 3 Newsletter

Term 1, 2019

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you all had a relaxing break. Below you will find information about some of the things happening in Level 3 in term 1.

Communication Book and Homework

The communication book is our way of keeping in touch with you throughout the school year. We will post all homework, spelling words and important notices in these. Communication books should travel in the tartan bags and must be at school every day.

Homework will be starting soon. It will be stuck into the communication book each Monday. Please encourage your child to have their homework completed and at school on time as well as keeping a record of finished books on their book log.

Spelling

For spelling this year we are focussing on spelling patterns in words and strategies for spelling using the THRASS program. The students are focussing on sounds in words and the spelling options that occur with these. For example 'air as in hair' and 'are as in square' and then the less traditional spelling patterns for that sound that fall in the * category. We will focus on a different sound box each fortnight and will be assessing the students understanding of these sounds with a spelling test. We value your support with this by talking to your child about the sound they are focussing on and even brainstorming words with them, possibly over dinner or on a drive.

Please encourage your child to practice their spelling words often. This can be done in a number of ways including on their iPad or a computer, playing games or writing the words in sentences. If you need more ideas on how to practice spelling, feel free to talk to your child's teacher.

Inquiry / Integrated Studies Topic

This term we are looking at Celebrations Around the World. Please let us know if there is anything special your family celebrates that we would be able to look into at school, e.g. Chinese New Year, ANZAC Day, Diwali, etc.

iPads – BYOD program

iPad app lists and student agreements have been sent home. Please ensure the student agreements have been returned to school signed by yourself and your child. iPads cannot be used until these notices are returned. Please take a look at the level and whole school app lists and ensure all apps are downloaded onto your child's iPad.

We are using iPads in many areas of the curriculum. It would be great to have all students with their own set of headphones stored at school. Please ensure iPads are fully charged and at school every day.

Flora and Fauna

Level 3 have been out in the school yard tidying up and getting the garden beds ready for planting. We look forward to starting the Flora and Fauna program in week 3. Parents are welcome to help from 11.30 am – 1.00pm every Tuesday in the Gallery kitchen with Mrs Francia or even gardening with Mr Barr. Could all students please keep a pair of children's gardening gloves in their schoolbag for when they're working outside.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 students will be participating in an intensive swimming program during the last weeks of term 3. This is a very valuable experience for them as they build on their skills in the water. More information will be coming home later.

Housekeeping

- Please ensure all clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled
- Library bags and art smocks must be brought to school asap
- Hats must be worn for all of term 1
- School Newsletters are now being released fortnightly. Please ensure you read these for upcoming events and news on Level 3
- Make sure you are checking the communication book and tartan bag regularly for important notices and messages
- Please send in a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thank you those who already have done so

Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday February 13 – Getting to know you, Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday February 19 – Twilight Picnic

Wednesday February 20 – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday March 5 – School Photos

Monday March 11 – Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday March 21 – Harmony Day

Tuesday March 26 – House Cross Country

Friday April 5 – End of Term

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