



YEAR 3 - TERM 3 OVERVIEW - 2024

Welcome to term 3! We hope the school holiday break was fun, relaxing and enjoyable! We are looking forward to welcoming your children back for another jam-packed term of learning.

ENGLISH

Our English program covers reading, writing, viewing, speaking and listening. In reading we will have two main focus areas: explicitly teaching students comprehension skills using short informative and entertaining texts; and delving deep into language and literature with a novel study of *Rowan of Rin* by Emily Rodda.

This term, our writing focus will be to further develop the students' writing skills, focusing on writing narratives and historical fiction texts. We use a whole school Word Reading and Spelling program called PhOrMeS. This is an evidence-informed Kindergarten to Year 6 decoding and spelling program which can be taught at the whole classroom or intervention level. PhOrMeS stands for **Ph**onology, **Or**thography, **M**orphology, etymology and **S**emantics.

MATHEMATICS

We will be exploring the different strategies used to solve multiplication and division problems and understand fractions. Each day we will do maths mentals, which will assist students with instant recall and mental computation fluency and our focus this term is to develop fluency with times tables facts. In our number lessons we apply strategies to real world situations to develop students' understanding of these concepts. We encourage families to make use of Mathletics. Other mathematical strands that will be covered this term include probability, data and time.

INQUIRY: Science – The Heat is On

We will be identifying sources of heat energy and examining how temperature changes when heat energy is transferred from one object to another. We will take part in hands on activities, including experiments and investigations. Students will make predictions, record their observations and draw conclusions based on what they observe.



INDONESIAN

Students will be learning to use and respond to the phrase *Mau ke mana?* (where are you going?). They will reproduce the sounds of *au* (e.g. *Mau*). Students will create subject focus sentences and will create and use simple phrases in Indonesian. They will learn how to name locations in a city/town.

PE

Year 3 will refine the fundamental movement skills of a one and two-handed strike and throwing. These skills will be incorporated into traditional Indigenous games that use modern-day equipment. Each lesson will include a warm-up and allow students the chance to perform activities to practise, develop, and refine the skill.

TECHNOLOGY

Students will continue exploring coding. They will be learning about what coding is and how it is used in some everyday contexts. Students will describe the steps needed to move an object digitally and build an algorithm or code to move it. They will be investigating simple circuits, using a device called a Makey Makey to build an alarm system and a quiz-show buzzer.

MUSIC

Year 3 will consolidate the 4 chords learnt on the Ukulele – C, F, G7, and C7. We will accompany our playing with singing some fun songs. When learning the recorder, the children are introduced to reading musical notation, so reading different rhythmic patterns, other musical symbols and the notation of 10 notes will be reinforced.

SEL

This term we will continue to focus on our core Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL), and concepts from the Mind Up program (Mindfulness). We will also be looking at understanding and negotiating small conflicts with peers and building our skills and knowledge regarding how to be a good friend.

CHEERS AND CHAMPS

Each Friday, year 3 will continue to meet to congratulate the star pupils for the week. Cheers are awarded by teachers to any student who has exhibited outstanding examples of our classroom values. Champs will be given by students to another student of their choice for the same reason. This is a lovely opportunity for children to be acknowledged by both their teacher and peers alike.

LIBRARY

All year 3 classes go to the library on Wednesday afternoon. Please encourage your child to read and return their books regularly. We also encourage students to be recording their reading via the QR code (emailed to families) to be part of the Chapman School Reading Challenge 2024.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

Week 2	Friday 2 August	Birrigai Day Camp
Week 3	5-30 August (dates to be confirmed)	ICAS Assessment
Week 5	Monday 19 - Friday 23 August	Book Week
Week 5	Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 August	Book Fair
Week 6	Friday 30 August	P&C Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
Week 7	Friday 6 September 8:15am- 9:30 am	Learning Journey
Week 8	Friday 13 September	P&C Disco
Week 8	Friday 13 September 2-2.45pm	Year 3 Assembly
Week 9	Friday 20 September	CEIS (permission to be given to front office)
Week 10	Friday 27 September	Last day of term

We are looking forward to a wonderful term. Please contact us via our emails below if you have any questions or concerns.

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