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Dear parents and carers

### YEAR 3 - TERM 2 OVERVIEW - 2024

Welcome to Term 2! We hope you were able to recharge your batteries and enjoyed the break. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term with your children.

# ENGLISH

The English program is designed to increase the students' understanding in reading, writing, viewing, speaking and listening. We want our students to construct and interact with print confidently. This term, our focus will be to further develop the students' writing skills, focusing on writing poetry and explanation texts. Each week students will continue to develop their understanding of spelling patterns within words and reflect upon why words are spelt the way they are. To develop reading comprehension skills, we will continue working with our differentiated reading groups. Over the term we will be learning about summarising, inferring, author's purpose, fluency and expression.

# MATHEMATICS

We will be exploring the different strategies used to solve addition, subtraction and multiplication problems. Each day we do maths mentals, which will assist students with instant recall and mental computation fluency. In our number lessons we apply addition and subtraction 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 time, money and length.

# **INQUIRY:** Science – How do living things change throughout their lives?

We will learn how to classify things as living and nonliving. Students will investigate soils minerals and rocks. We will also learn about the life cycle of a range of living things.

We will apply this learning to create a triorama about the life cycle of a plant or animal.



#### INDONESIAN

Students will be learning to describe amounts using cardinal numbers with belas (teens) and puluh (tens) and create plurals by doubling nouns. They will explore how larger numbers are structured in Indonesian and compare this to how numbers are structured in English.

### PE

During term 2, year 3 will have a focus on running, sprinting, and jumping with cross country running, and athletic skill development the main sporting focus areas. Students will perform movement skills in a variety of physical activities and will refine and apply movement strategies in a number of physical activities. Students will participate in the cross-country carnival on Friday, May 17 at 11:00 am.

### TECHNOLOGY

Year 3 will be introduced to coding and algorithms. They will be using a block-based coding application called SCRATCH to create animations and interactive games.

#### MUSIC

We have been consolidating our knowledge of rhythms and musical notation while playing the recorder and have learnt three chords on the ukulele – C, F, and G7. Our focus in term 2 will be playing pieces on the recorder in two parts, and practising chord changes on the ukulele so that we can accompany songs we are learning. We are enjoying the challenge of singing and playing at the same time!

We will have a performance from Musica Viva called 'Game Day!' in week 2. The Phoenix Collective is an Australian string quartet who will share different musical styles through the ages with a fun focus.

#### 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 developing a growth mindset, the difference between aggressive and assertive behaviour and how to make safe choices.

#### **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.

Week 2 –	Friday 10 May –	P & C Mother's Day Stall
		Year 3 will also be hosting the assembly.
Week 3 -	Friday 17 May -	Cross Country
Week 4 –	Thursday 23 May-	School photos
Week 5-	Monday 27 May -	Reconciliation Day
Week 5 -	Wednesday 29 May -	National Zoo & Aquarium Excursion
Week 7 -	Monday 10 June -	Sovereign's Birthday
Week 9 –	Thursday 27 & Friday 28 June -	Reports home
Week 10 –	Friday 5 July –	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.

### Warm Regards,

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