

TERM 3 OVERVIEW GRADES

3/4B, 3/4S & 3/4R

Welcome back for Term 3. We trust you all enjoyed the break and you and the children are feeling refreshed and energised for the term ahead.

Teacher and students alike have become more acquainted with each other and their teaching and learning styles.

Please talk to your children about what they are doing at school and offer on-going encouragement. Be patient as they acquire new skills and refine existing ones. Come in regularly to have a look at your child's work. Please remember to chat to us about any concerns that you may have.



LITERACY

Writing and Reading tasks will be linked where possible to our Inquiry Learning focus– Can You Make It?

Literacy sessions will continue to be held on a daily basis. Students participate in two different reading groups, spending one week rotating through activities with members of their own class and the following three weeks in reading groups that have a mix of students from all three classes. This allows the students the opportunity to work with a broader range of students through their reading lessons. Reading rotations provide an opportunity to investigate our Inquiry unit in smaller groups to develop deeper understandings. They will also focus on spelling and grammar, as well as providing an opportunity to work on the laptops and computers.

Our spelling lessons are based on the newly introduced SMART Spelling Program and will focus on a weekly sound, blend or rule with various activities based on reinforcing and learning their individual weekly spelling words. Students will also have two of their own spelling words each week. In Writing this term there will be a focus on the genre of Procedures as well as revisiting text types through a Writing Project. These genres will be broken into their individual components to develop a thorough understanding of the text structures.

MATHEMATICS

Students will continue to work in an environment which encourages them to explore maths concepts, while extending their understanding. Our approach to maths combines explicit teaching of concepts with various open-ended activities to maximise engagement and understanding. This term, we will look at the topics multiplication, an introduction to division, fractions, decimals, chance, probability and measurement. We encourage students to explore lots of different strategies and approaches to solving problems. It is most important that students have a strategy to solve problems that they are comfortable with. There is no “right” way of solving problems. Parents can be a wonderful resource in supporting their students to learn new strategies and to consolidate understandings.

INQUIRY

This term's integrated studies focus will be “Can You Make It?”. This unit will focus on Design and Technologies, introducing students to the design process and allowing them to make a range of structures for different purposes. Students will work towards developing deeper understandings that they can present in an end of term project.

INCURSION

This term, we will have an Incursion from Green Hat Workshops. The 3/4 classes will be involved in building, creating and designing to put their imaginations to the test. Green Hat Workshops aim to make learning as clear as possible through open-ended, play-based learning.

HOMEWORK

Students will continue to receive weekly homework, . Homework is issued on a Friday and is due on the following Friday. Homework typically includes a maths component which reflects learning in the class alongside a spelling list highlighting the students chosen words. For spelling, students only need to practice their spelling words 4 times over the week. Homework aims to further support the activities and concepts covered in class, however it is not aimed to be a chore or a difficult task. Students are expected to read for at least **15 minutes**, 5 nights per week and record this in their diaries. Please help develop a weekly homework routine with your child to avoid a last minute panic.

KITCHEN CLASSROOM

We will be having two sessions in the kitchen classroom this term. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen so please be sure to sign up at the kitchen classroom if you are available. Reminder notes will also be sent home closer to the dates.

PRODUCTION

Term 3 is always exciting with our upcoming school production. This year, our school production is "Zoom!", a storyline that follows the famous story of the Tortoise and the Hare. Our students will be working on their class song and dance ready to perform at the end of the term. If you are willing and able to help support with our class costumes, please be sure to contact the office as all help is much appreciated.

3/4 SPORT

Our SEPEP sport program will continue this term with our wonderful House Captains coordinating and running 4 new sports. Some of the teams from Semester 1 may be changed slightly to allow students the opportunity to be team mates with different students. All students will have the opportunity to learn some new skills in a fun and friendly environment.

We look forward to an exciting Term ahead and please feel free to approach us with any questions or concerns.

Alex Reid, Jill Smits & Rosa Boocock

Monday July 15

Term 3 Starts

Tuesday July 30

34S Kitchen Classroom

Wednesday July 31

34R Kitchen Classroom

Thursday August 1

34B Kitchen Classroom

Monday August 19

Book Character Dress Up Day

Wednesday August 21

The Great Book Swap

Tuesday August 26

34S Kitchen Classroom

Wednesday August 27

34R Kitchen Classroom

Thursday August 28

34B Kitchen Classroom

Sunday September 8

Working Bee

Tuesday September 17

Production Dress Rehearsal

September 18 & 19

Production

Friday September 20

End of term 2:30pm finish