

TERM 4 2019

OVERVIEW

GRADES

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

Welcome back to our final Term of 2019! We hope you have all had a wonderful break and the students are ready for Term 4.

Please continue to 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– Almost Gone

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 3/4 classes. This structure has worked well this year, allowing students to work with other students across all the classes and giving the students enhanced opportunities to learn from different teachers. Students also spend some sessions during the week working on their Reading Projects. This involves students completing a range of different activities related to a book they enjoy or are reading.

Our spelling program will focus on a weekly sound, blend or rule with various activities based on reinforcing/learning their individual weekly spelling words. Students will also have two spelling words each week from an individualised spelling list. In Writing this term there will be a focus on the genres of Discussions and Explanations. 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 data representation and interpretation, location and transformation, angles, patterns, number sequences and units of measurement. 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 "Almost Gone". This unit will focus on the impact humans have on the environment and specifically how this affects animal habitats. Our Inquiry topic will be supported through our excursion to Healesville Sanctuary to see what work is being done to help endangered species. Students will work towards developing deeper understandings that they can present in an end of term project.

EXCURSION

This term, we will have our first excursion of the year. The 3/4 classes will be heading to Healesville Sanctuary to participate in the Saving Endangered Species program. Our excursion examines the different factors that impact the survival of the Tasmanian Devil and the steps that can be taken to help our threatened species.

HOMEWORK

Students will continue to receive weekly homework. Homework is issued on a Friday and is due on the following Friday. 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 using the sheets outside the classrooms.

CAMP

Our 3/4 Camp to Campaspe Downs is from the 13th to 15th of November. Students are beginning to get very excited as the days come closer. Information about camp will come out closer to the date detailing what times students will depart and arrive back at school as well as what they will need to pack. Our parent helpers have been selected and notified. Camp has lots of wonderful activities and opportunities that all students will be participating in. If your child has anxiety about sleeping away from home, now is an excellent time to prepare them. Please come and see us if you have any concerns or questions.

WARM FUZZY REWARDS

To help reward and support positive choices, students have been involved in our "Warm Fuzzy" reward program within the classroom. Students will often be acknowledged for acts of kindness, hard work and good behaviour. Over the year, they have filled our Warm Fuzzy jar 4 times and are working towards receiving their next rewards.

END OF YEAR

As the year approaches its end, there will be so many fun activities to look forward to as always. Students will have the opportunity to attend our Movie Day at Cameo Theatre, House Sports Day, class party, Kris Kringle and more!

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

Alex Reid, Jill Smits & Monica Dryden

Wednesday October 16

Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

Tuesday October 22

Kitchen Classroom 3/4S

Wednesday October 23

Kitchen Classroom 3/4R

Thursday October 24

Kitchen Classroom 3/4B

November 13—15

Campaspe Downs Camp

Tuesday November 19

Kitchen Classroom 3/4S

Wednesday November 20

Kitchen Classroom 3/4R

Thursday November 21

Kitchen Classroom 3/4B

Friday November 29

Japanese Day

Friday December 13

House Sports Day

Wednesday December 18

Disco

Thursday December 19

Cameo Movie Day/Class Parties

Friday December 20

End of term 1:30pm finish