



Stage 2 (Year 3)

Curriculum Overview

Term 2, 2022

Welcome to Term 2!

We hope you had time to sharpen the saw over the break and are now ready for another exciting term.

Year 3 will complete NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May in Week 3.

Here is an outline of this term's content:

Religious Education

Students will be studying the following units:

- Missioning Rite- Year 3
- The Sacraments of Initiation- Year 4

The units incorporate Religious Education lessons, prayer and reflections. Stage 2 will be leading our whole school liturgy to honour our mothers on Thursday, 5th May at 9:00am in the school hall.

Mathematics

The topics to be studied this term include: Fractions & Decimals, Volume & Capacity, Mass, Length, Time, Two dimensional & Three-Dimensional Space (including Angles), Position, Data and Chance. Times Tables are an important part of Mathematics and children need to aim for automatic recall – ***daily practice at home is essential!*** There will be a focus on mental computation strategies for addition and subtraction with further development of conceptual understanding of Mathematics and general number facts. Open-ended tasks, as well as more formal problem-solving activities, will be designed to provide challenging learning experiences, catering for the different learning styles and abilities within our classes.

English

Stage 2 Focus: Imaginative, informative and persuasive texts.

Writing: Each term the classes focus on and compose a variety of text types (informative, imaginative and persuasive). This process includes modelling, joint construction and independent writing. The students will be encouraged to use correct sentence structure and paragraphs, apply a variety of grammatical features, and develop their vocabulary as they work towards editing and reflecting on their writing.

Handwriting: This will be taught using the texts, 'Targeting Handwriting 3 and 4'.

Year 3 will be focusing on exit flicks.

Year 4 will be working towards joining their exit flicks to create cursive handwriting. Once students consistently use neat, cursive handwriting in Year 4, they will be awarded their pen licence.

Spelling: Students study spelling strategies to help them to spell words correctly. Each week, Year 3 will focus on letter patterns that make the same sound. They are encouraged to choose words that further extend their vocabulary. It is important that the students practise their spelling in their home learning each week.

Reading: During English groups, the students will be working on their comprehension skills, critical thinking, fluency and expression. Students will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Readers are no longer sent home in Stage 2 unless specified by the class teacher.

History

First Contacts

Beginning with the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, students examine European exploration and colonisation in Australia and throughout the world up to the early 1800s. Students examine the impact of exploration on other societies, how these societies interacted with newcomers, and how these experiences contributed to their cultural diversity.

PDHPE / The Leader in Me

PE: Year 3 will participate in class sport on Wednesdays and with Miss Bartos on Fridays and all children need to be in their sport uniform on this day. Students will participate in the “NetSetGo” Netball program fortnightly with a visiting teacher.

PDH: The Leader in Me - Students will be creating their own personal goals for the term and strategies in order to achieve them. The 7 Habits and the PBL focus will be incorporated into PDH lessons and other KLAs were appropriate throughout the term.

Me, Myself and I – This unit explores feelings, coping with change, personalities and values.

Creative Arts

Visual Arts: There will be links with our History unit, exploring Aboriginal and early Australian art. Forms include drawing, painting and printmaking.

Music & Drama: Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Forster on Thursdays.

Home Learning

Home learning in Term 2 is given out on Thursday and returned to the class teacher on the following Tuesday. The home learning will come with an explanation sheet each week. Students **MUST** read each day or night and have their reading signed off by a parent/guardian. Year 3 will **record in their reading log**. Students are encouraged to read aloud at times to improve fluency and expression. Weekly home learning will usually consist of nightly reading, English and Mathematics tasks.

General Housekeeping

- Please log onto Compass to provide a note explaining the reason for any absence.
- Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school every Tuesday.
- Please ensure all of your child’s belongings are clearly labelled.

Weekly Calendar

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Library	Tuesday
P.E	Friday
Class Sport	Wednesday
Music & Drama	Thursday

We are looking forward to working with you to help your child be the best she/he can be.

Kind regards

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