Impressive start to 2012

The new school year is off to an impressive start. The students in Year Three have settled into their classes quickly and are getting to know their peers and teachers. The Year 3 teachers value the important role parents play in their child’s education and are looking forward to meeting you next week at our Meet the Teacher afternoon session.

Learning Overview

In English students are learning to explain how machines work and to use grammatical language appropriately to explain cause and effect relationships. The students will be reading a variety of texts and talking about how authors use specific language features to provide detailed information or persuade an audience to a point of view.

In Maths students will be learning to compare and represent 3D solids in the environment, read and record analogue and digital time as well as conduct surveys and organise data into graphs or tables. In the Number strand students will learn to apply their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve problems as well as conduct simple chance experiments.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 14 February Meet the Teacher
- Thursday 1 March 2012 Stage 2 Excursion to Power House Museum
- Wednesday 14 March Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 20 March Harmony Day

Reading Tip of the Week

Something to talk about...
After reading a book or news article, talk to your child about what you’ve read and the books you think they might enjoy reading.

School Values

Respect
Responsibility
Care
Cooperation
Honesty

This Year we have made some changes to our student welfare practices.

Teachers are explicitly teaching the language of values and rewarding students for demonstrating behaviour in line with our school values.
**Homework**

You will receive the Homework Policy at our Meet the Teacher afternoon. All students in Year 3 are expected to spend approximately 20 minutes on their homework each weeknight. If you have any questions about homework, please speak to your child’s teacher.

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**Attendance**

Regular attendance is important to your child’s education. All absences need to be explained by a note to the class teacher on the next day.

Our School Rule
Being on time for school and class is important to your child’s education.

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**PSSA**

PSSA tryouts begin this week and then competition starts soon after. We encourage you to come along and cheer your child and school. If you are available please let your child’s coach know, this way they can keep you informed of the venue for each game.

**Stage 2 Sport**

Stage 2 will be having Stage Sport every Friday at 12.20pm. If your child doesn’t attend a PSSA team and you are free we would love to have you join us. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you are available to help.

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This Term our integrated curriculum focus is on Machines. We will be learning about the different forms and sources of energy and investigating the flow of energy through movement. The students will be going on an excursion to the Power House Museum to closely observe, sketch and represent the components, movement and power of machines. The students will then use this learning as a stimulus to create artworks demonstrating the flow of energy through movement.

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**MEET THE TEACHER**

Meet the Teacher will be held on Tuesday 14 February. Please come along and meet your child’s teacher. This is an important event on our calendar and you will receive a lot of information relating to our school and your child’s class.

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**Assembly**

Stage 2 Assembly (Year 3 and 4) will be held every second Tuesday at 2pm in the Hall. Please come and encourage your child by joining us in singing, learning about what has been happening in our classroom and receiving our values certificates. Our first assembly is on Tuesday 14 February.

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**Year 3 Team**

**Class Teachers**
Kalopí Agraniotís
Rosemary Huttly
Parveen Khan

**Specialist Teachers**
Sophia Shariff ESL
Marina Tsotras STL

**Year 3 Team Leader**
Helen Kotevski

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