



IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Term 1 Commences

Thursday 30th Jan

Information Evening

Wednesday 12th Feb @ 6.00pm

Pastoral Care Interviews

Week 4 - 17th Feb - 21st Feb

Labour Day

10th March

NAPLAN

12th - 24th March

(Test dates to be confirmed)

School Photos

Siblings -April 1st

Last day of Term 1

April 4th

Term Overview

Welcome back to the 2025 school year! Our wellbeing focus for the year is Be Safe and Thrive in 2025. This term, we will focus on building positive self-esteem and connectedness within the new classroom environment, showing an interest in the students' personal lives and finding out about student personal strengths and individualities. In Respectful Relationships, students will focus on Emotional Literacy: learning to recognise, express, and manage their emotions, develop empathy, and communicate effectively in social situations. Students will continue to explore HERRRby and what this means to show these values at GPS and in the community.

INQUIRY

Our Inquiry unit this term is 'Mindful Me' and will focus on the children's development of a growth mindset. Students will investigate:

- How success, challenges and failures strengthen personal identities.
- Factors that can positively influence personal wellbeing.
- How to overcome obstacles and negative feelings with learnt strategies.
- Strategies to promote health, safety and wellbeing.

Students will also enjoy Year 3 sport throughout the year to examine how participation promotes a connection between the community, natural and built environments, and health and wellbeing.

LITERACY

Students will focus on extending their reading comprehension strategies through their inquiry and quality literature.

Year 3 students will begin Reading workshops this year and will learn to use a 'Reader's Notebook' to capture their thinking and understanding about texts. They will build their independence while reading and become more voracious and engaged readers. Students will engage in fluency pairs where they will practise reading fluency.

This term we will be reading Matilda by Roald Dahl. This book will link in to the students focus on narrative and persuasive writing. Each week, students will be working on a 'Writer's Notebook' in which they will be encouraged to write freely on topics of their choice.

NUMERACY

In Term 1, Year 3 students will focus on place value of larger numbers, problem-solving, and addition, with explicit instruction with reviews of learnt concepts. They will learn mental and written strategies to solve equations. In Measurement and Geometry, students will explore time (calendars, seasons, telling time to the minute, and relationships between units) and shapes (comparing properties of regular and irregular shapes). Students will continue to engage in daily reviews each day to revise maths concepts learnt throughout the year.

Term 1 will reinforce place value, time, calendars, and addition strategies, while also preparing students for NAPLAN, familiarising them with the online format and test functions.