



YEAR THREE

TERM 1

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Wed 15th February - Yr 3 Curriculum Information Night 6.30pm.

Mon 27th February - Circus Skills Invisit

Tue 7th March - Feeling Safe Invisit

Mon March 13th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 15th March - Mon 27th March - NAPLAN

Fri March 24th - Curriculum Day

Tue 28th March - Mind & Body Wellbeing Invisit

Thu 30th March - School Photos

Thu 6th April - Last Day of Term 1

TERM OVERVIEW

Welcome back to the 2023 school year! Our wellbeing focus for the year is Building Relationships: You, Me and our Community. 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 strengths and worries. We will continue to implement the Respectful Relationships topics into our wellbeing program.

INQUIRY

INQUIRY UNIT 'Mindful Me'

Our Inquiry unit this term is about Mindful Me. We focus on recognising emotions and how to manage different feelings as well as developing a growth mindset around challenging situations.

Central Idea: The choices people make affect their wellbeing.

Key Understandings:

- Self-talk influences our feelings and behaviours
- We learn from our successes, failures and challenges
- There are things I can do to manage my emotions.
- A growth mindset can influence the way we respond to challenges.

Focus Questions:

- How do my thoughts affect my feelings and actions?
- How do I learn from my experiences?
- What strategies can I use to manage my emotions?
- What does it mean to be well balanced?

LITERACY

Our school focuses on CAFÉ Reading strategies for developing students' reading abilities. This model encompasses Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding vocabulary and we deliver it with a differentiated approach for all the children. We also run Reciprocal Reading sessions where comprehension and analysis of text is the focus.

In writing we will be focusing on Narrative and Persuasive texts in preparation for NAPLAN. We will be incorporating VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) into our daily writing sessions. Big Writes are a part of our writing program and students will be bringing home 'Talk Homework' for this to support what we are doing in the classroom.

SMART Spelling Program is functioning consistently across our whole school. There is a focus on a new spelling principle each week and this is reflected via our chosen words for weekly homework.

Speaking and listening are very important literacy skills. In Year 3 we take pride in giving our students opportunities to develop these skills in a variety of settings and dynamics. Some homework tasks throughout the year will also focus on developing their public speaking skills.

NUMERACY

During Term 1, all Year 3 students will be assessed with regard to their mathematic proficiency. Daily instruction, experience and practice of maths will be targeted at individual needs. Our teaching and learning will be aligned with the Victorian Curriculum for Year 3 standard but with a constant delivery to challenge and extend every student whatever their current ability.

Throughout Term 1 we will be focusing on place value, time, reading calendars and mental and written strategies for addition. We will also be preparing students for NAPLAN and becoming familiar with the online format, and functions they need to know to undertake the test successfully.