

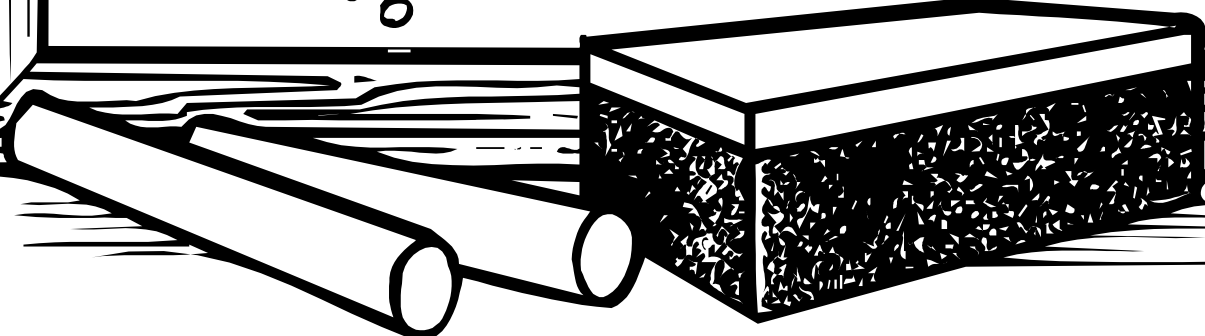
Year Three

PARENT
INFORMATION
BOOKLET
2017

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Welcome to Year 3!

The children are settling into class routines quite well and during the year they will be completing a wide variety of tasks in all subject areas. Below is an outline of the topics we will be covering this year.

We hope you will find this information helpful.

- GENERAL THEME:**
- Term 1: Australia and Easter
 - Term 2: Spinning in Space
 - Term 3: Environments and Reconciliation
 - Term 4: Cultures and Christmas

RELIGION

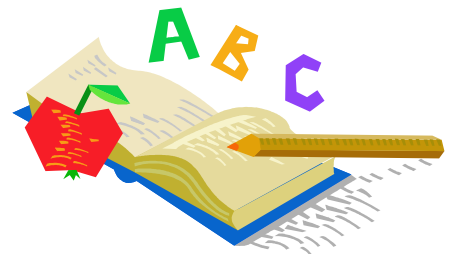
Our school Religious Education Programme is based on units of work which cover areas relevant to the children's lives. The programme is systematic and sequenced, helping children to relate our Catholic faith to their daily lives. The children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Week 10 of Term 3. There will be a parent information night in week 2 and a parent workshop in week 8.



Year 3 is rostered to attend a number of masses during the year. 3 Blue will prepare the mass to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday 15th August. 3 Gold will prepare the mass for the end of the year on Thursday the 7th December. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENGLISH

The Year 3 classes follow a program based on the Australian Curriculum. The literacy tasks planned this year aim to develop in all children the ability to communicate efficiently in all areas; Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing and Viewing. During the year various strategies will be used to achieve success. Integration across all curriculum areas will occur whenever possible. Please try to organise appointments for your child in the afternoon to avoid disrupting class work in this area.



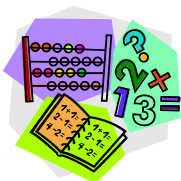
Spelling

Year 3 will be issued spelling lists which will be tested at the end of each week. The lists will be based on Diana Rigg's Phonic and Sight Word Sequence.

Handwriting

During the year children will be introduced to letter joins, using the New South Wales writing format.

MATHEMATICS



Number and Algebra - includes place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. Students will also develop their mental computation skills and Times Tables are an essential part of this learning area.

Statistics and Probability - includes chance events and collecting, organising and representing data.

Measurement and Geometry - looks at shapes (2D and 3D), paths and positions, maps and investigations. Length, area, volume and capacity, mass and time concepts are also taught in this area.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

This learning area will help to increase the children's knowledge and understanding about their local community and environment and provide them with opportunities to compare their situation to that of others.

Our theme for Term 1 is 'Australian History'.

Geography will be taught by Mrs Trish Barton.

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

The children will apply knowledge, skills and resources to the development of technological solutions. Our emphasis is on the hands on approach and collaborative learning. In term 1, the children will be designing and making puppets. Parent assistance would be greatly appreciated.

HEALTH

There are three broad areas addressed in the Health programme. These are:

Concepts for a Healthy lifestyle

Self-Management Skills

Interpersonal Skills



We will also continue the school based programmes "Friendly Schools & Families" and "Kids Matter". These programmes develop the child's positive self-esteem, empathy, co-operation, friendship skills, social skills and self management skills.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Monday) - Mr Bernie Schelfhout

During the year both year three classes will have P.E. with Mr Schelfhout on **Wednesday**. Swimming lessons will be conducted in Term 1, weeks 9 and 10.



MUSIC (Monday) - Mrs Margaret Grubb

ITALIAN (Friday) - Ms Zita-Wares

SCIENCE(Wednesday) - Mr Bernie Schelfhout

LIBRARY (Wednesday) - Mrs Trish Barton

On Library Browse days, students will need to return their books and bring their library bag for borrowing (No bag, no borrow).



HOMEWORK The Homework Policy for Year 3 is approximately 30 minutes per night. This consists of Reading (recorded in diary each night), Spelling (Nightly, with weekly testing), Mental Maths and some occasional unfinished work to be completed at home. We are using a Homework Scrapbook. Parents are requested to record what book their child has read and sign the diary each week. Homework is given to students on Friday and returned, completed, the following Friday morning. As many students are involved in after school activities, each family can plan homework nights that suit them best. **Children who do**

not hand in their completed homework by Friday morning will be given the homework to complete at recess.

COMMUNICATION



*Newsletters are emailed each fortnight. It is very important you read these and return any relevant notes promptly.

*Parents are asked to make appointments for parent/teacher meetings.

*Any monies to be forwarded to school are sent in a labelled envelope.

*Please send a written note of absence to the teacher on your child's return to school, even if you have already verbally discussed the absence with the teacher.

*All children need to be signed in and out at the office when they arrive late or need to leave school early. Please hand the sign in/out slip to teacher.

*Diaries will be used to record homework tasks, write messages and reminders. **Please sign diaries daily.**

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

During Week 3 of Term 2, students will complete the National Literacy & Numeracy Assessment. Parent information brochures will be distributed to all parents at a later date.

SUPPORT

Ms Geraldine Lockyer, Mrs Peta Yukich, Mrs Cusworth and Mrs Venema will be assisting us in our programmes this year.



BOOK COVERING

Please cover your child's books with clear contact as this will help protect them for the year. Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated. We have provided a cover/title sheet for the front cover of each book.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please label all items clearly. A school hat is compulsory. All year 3 children must wear their sports uniform on their sports day for Physical Education with Mr Schelfhout on Wednesday's. Faction shirts are to be worn in terms 1 and 3. We appreciate your support in adhering to our school uniform policy.

PARENT HELP

We would greatly appreciate parent help in a variety of subject areas this year. Further details will follow as timetables are finalised and notes will come home via students. Thank you, in anticipation.

A major focus will be encouraging all students to develop greater independence with learning, behaviour and responsibility and we look forward to your support throughout the year. If you have any concerns about your child please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to a successful, rewarding and happy year for your child.

Many thanks for attending this evening.

Regards,

Mrs Maria Churack (Year 3 Gold) and Mrs Martina Sweeney (Year 3 Blue)



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