

FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 3, 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Three! Our students have settled in well, are developing positive relationships with their teachers and adapting to class routines.

This newsletter will inform you of this year's curriculum and general organisation.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the year, we encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

THE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

English includes speaking and listening, reading and viewing and writing and representing. Reading continues to develop childrens' oral reading with opportunities to consolidate and extend comprehension skills. Learning Support Officers work in every Year Three classroom to support all students' learning needs during guided reading sessions. Lessons aim to develop students who are literate in many text types and covers spelling, handwriting and digital technologies. Opportunities to write are provided across the curriculum. Speaking and Listening underpins many areas of our daily activities with public speaking offering every child the chance to further develop their oral language skills.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics involves the strands of:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Daily lessons focus on specific areas of these strands. Concept development and problem solving skills will have a strong focus throughout the year. Students are afforded many opportunities to develop and consolidate their understanding through a range of engaging activities.

HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY

We begin this year with a unit of study entitled *Community and Remembrance*. In this unit, the children will be learning all about the country in which they live.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Feathers, Fur and Leaves is the science and technology unit we will be studying this term. Studying science involves investigating, designing and making and using technology.

PDHPE/SPORT

Every Friday, students are able to represent their school in PSSA sport or play games and develop skills in school sport. Sports uniform and suitable shoes are required for sport and PE. In class, students will learn about how to care for their own health and well-being. Our units of study are designed to help students make healthy and positive choices.

CREATIVE ARTS

In addition to the classroom activities, students are given opportunities to participate in dance groups, choir, recorder group and creative and performing arts groups.



LIBRARY

Please ensure your child has a clean library bag so he or she can establish regular borrowing habits and a positive attitude to learning. Children will be advised of their borrowing day shortly. The library opens before school every day when parents are welcome to visit with their children. We hope to see you there.

INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS

Year Three students have the opportunity to participate in special activities offered at school and delivered by other organisations called incursions. Excursions arranged throughout the year will also enrich the students' learning experiences.

POSITIVE WORK HABITS

Attendance is important. Students are expected to arrive at school punctually with everything they need for the day, wearing full school uniform including a school hat. Students develop a positive attitude and a strong sense of pride in their school when they are prepared, organised and on time.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All children will participate in the reading challenge! Unlike previous years, Year Three students are required to independently read texts that have been especially selected to suit their reading abilities. Class teachers and library teachers will assist your child in selecting interesting books to read. For a list of books suitable for your child, check out the Premier's Reading Challenge website.



HOMEWORK

Generally, homework will be issued each Monday and collected on Thursday or Friday. Homework tasks are directly linked to class programs and reinforce key concepts. Your support at home is valuable without necessarily doing the task for the child. If your child experiences difficulty with the homework, your feedback is particularly important and can be communicated with a short note in your child's homework book.

HOME READING

Reading at home with your child can make a significant difference to your child's learning. As an integral part of our literacy program, children are required to borrow a reader. At home, your child can share the book with yourself, a sibling or another family member. Signing the home reading record will assist the teachers to track your child's achievements. Please send a plastic folder with your child to protect the reader in transit.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Every child's birthday is a special day. If you wish to share the celebration, this can be done by bringing in cupcakes which will be distributed by the teachers at lunch time.

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year!

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Deputy Principal

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