Dear Year 3 Parents/ Guardians,

We trust that you and your children enjoyed the holidays and have now settled back into the school term routines. We have an exciting Year 3 program and school events planned for Term 2 which include new experiences for children and events which they look forward to in Year 3.

The following is an overview of our teaching and learning program for this term.

**Numeracy**
- Number: extending our understanding of place value, number patterns and relationships
- Four operations (multiplication, division, subtraction and addition)
- Extending our knowledge of the times tables
- Space – Location and direction
- Fractions
- Measurement – Length and Perimeter, Area and Time
- Problem Solving Strategies

**Literacy**
- Speaking and listening - planning and presenting short talks that relate to the integrated unit of work and news items
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Reading and writing persuasive texts and narratives.
- Research and comprehension tasks using range of fiction and non-fiction texts related to the Integrated Unit of Work
- Daily home reading – take home reading books, library books

**Integrated Unit of Work**
Our integrated unit of work for this term is ‘Celebrations and Commemorations’ which focusses on the curriculum areas of History and Civics and Citizenship. The students will be investigating how and why people choose to remember significant events of the past. The students will be building upon their knowledge of celebrations and commemorations and utilising a range of thinking, research and social skills to conduct investigations and find answers to their questions about this topic. We know that our parent community can be a wonderful resource for our investigations and is something we really value at GIPS. Therefore, we would like to invite parents who may have artefacts or personal experiences related to our topic to come along and share them with the Year 3 classes. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to contribute in any way.

**NAPLAN**
On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May the Year 3 students will be participating in the NAPLAN – National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. At present we are preparing the students for this assessment program by working through examples of assessment items during our weekly Literacy and Numeracy sessions. Further information about the NAPLAN will be sent home today and is also available on the ACARA website – [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

If you have any concerns about the NAPLAN, please see your child’s teacher or Barb Maclarn.
Specialist subjects and timetable

French
Madame Barre will continue to develop the students’ French language skills through a range of written and oral activities related to our integrated topic ‘Celebrations’, and by playing simple French games and singing songs.

PE
At the beginning of the term Mrs Black and the students will be working on their fitness in preparation for the House Cross Country. Activities to develop their understanding of strategic team work will be the focus for the remainder of the term through playing and learning a variety of invasion style games.

Visual Arts
In Art, the Year 3s will be exploring charcoal drawings based on Alice in Wonderland. They will be working collaboratively on decorating the giant Mad Hatter’s hat. They will experiment with a variety of stitches to make part of Alice’s dress.

Performing Arts
This term, the Performing Arts teachers are Mrs Susie Walton (3M) and Mrs Kate Van der Jagt (3G and 3H). In Term 2 of Performing Arts, the focus will be on Dance and Movement. Students will be encouraged to listen to the Musical Elements within instrumental songs and move their bodies accordingly. The Dances taught this term will include simple choreographed pieces. Students will also be given an opportunity to create their own choreography, later in the term.

Timetable
Changes in the timetabling have meant specialist times have changed. Our ICT, Library and Sport subjects will now run on Fridays.

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Communication
Just a reminder that in the case of a child’s absence, parents are required to provide a note stating the reason for absence even though you may have advised us of your child’s absence either in person or by a phone call to the office.

Important dates for your family calendar
Wednesday 7th May- Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th May – NAPLAN
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May– Education Week at GIPS
Wednesday 23rd May- Education Week Family Learning Night 6pm-7pm
Friday 25th May- GIPS Walk-a-thon
Wednesday 28th May- Curriculum/Report Writing Day
Monday 9th June- Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Friday 27th June- Last Day of Term 2

We look forward to a wonderful term’s work and your continued support.

Christine Hallam, Rebecca Givogue and Barbara Maclarn
Year 3 Teachers