

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Grade 3 at Glen Iris Primary School. We hope that all families had a nice relaxing break and enjoyed some sunshine. We have a wonderful group of enthusiastic Grade 3s this year and we are excited about all of the fun things we plan on doing in the year ahead. Grade 3 brings a lot of new events for the children. This includes our first camp in Term 2, an introduction to homework and various House Sport events. We look forward to sharing these opportunities with you throughout the year. It has been delightful to see the children confidently start the school year and to share in the excitement with them.

Literacy

During the morning Literacy sessions students will engage with a variety of information, imaginative and persuasive texts with a focus on text structure. There will also be a continued focus on building reading comprehension strategies to ensure children develop a richer understanding of what has been read. Take Home Reading will begin in the coming weeks. As with Grade 2, children will be allocated one day where they will change their Take Home Reading books. Please ensure your child has their Take Home Reading bag and signed Take Home Reading diary at school on his/her given day. Even if children require extra time to complete a book, Take Home Reading bags need to be returned weekly. We will continue to engage in our daily 'Writer's Notebook' sessions. All children will be focusing on writing persuasive texts during our 'Stop and Pause' week towards the end of term. While the children will no longer be required to prepare weekly Show and Tell, Speaking and Listening will be developed through short oral presentations delivered at school.

Numeracy

This term during our daily Numeracy sessions we will be exploring 3D shapes, place value, strategies for addition and subtraction, multiplication and fractions. We encourage the children to continue to use Mathletics at home to consolidate their learning. The students' 2016 username and passwords are still active and we hope to see many of the children continue with the great work!

Integrated

We have started this term with the topic 'Launch into Learning'. This gives the class an opportunity to develop our classroom agreements and establish classroom routines. In week 3 we will move onto our Integrated topic 'Who Makes the Rules?' Throughout this topic we will explore the importance of having rules, who makes the rules and what happens when we break the rules.

Important Dates

Information Night

15th February

Family Fiesta

17th February

Meet the Teacher

21st February

School Photos

7th March

Labour Day

13th March

End of Term

31st March



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Officemax School Supplies

As children are responsible for their own stationary we ask that parents ensure **ALL** items are labelled. Thank you to the many families who have assisted in labelling items and ensuring any late arriving class materials have since been sent to school. We are hoping that by having clearly labelled stationary it will encourage the children to take responsibility for their belongings.

Sports Uniform

Although it is not a requirement, some children in Grade 3 may have a sports uniform. We ask that children **only** wear their sports uniform on the day in which they have Sport. Both 3C and 3S have Sport on a Thursday this term.

Sun Smart

Just a reminder that students are required to wear hats outside until 1st April as part of our Sun Smart Policy.

Homework

The Grade 3 children are quite excited about the prospect of starting homework in Term 2; however the main focus of the homework program will continue to be Take Home Reading. Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night, ensuring that they read a broad range of literature and engage in discussions about what they have read. In addition, Mathletics and games focusing on number skills (e.g. Yahtzee, card games) are always encouraged as we continue to work on the automatic recall of number facts and move towards times tables.

Grade 3 Camp

In Term 2 the students will attend their first school camp to Camp Manyung from Wednesday 31st May to Friday 2nd June. Further information for parents will be provided at the start of Term 2.

We are looking forward to a fun year getting to know the children and families of 3C and 3S.

Kind Regards

Meagan Cofield and Claire Sutherland

Grade 3 Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coding Library		French	Art Sport	Performing Arts Assembly (odd weeks)