

WELCOME

to 3M

Term 1 2020

Welcome back to Hamilton Public School. My name is Abby Mander and I am very excited to be your child's teacher for 2020.

This newsletter will outline important information for you for to know for the coming term. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me through the office either by phone (49693577) or email (hamilton.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

BEING READY TO LEARN

Punctuality to school is very important. Good attendance is vital; too many days off, or arriving late may hinder your child's learning. Students will have fruit break each day, so please pack a piece of fruit or some vegetables. Please make sure your child brings a labelled water bottle to sip from during the day.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CLASS:

- A box of tissues
- Whiteboard markers
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters

Small amount of STEM supplies such as old boxes, paper towel tubes, pipe cleaners, foil, various bits and pieces etc.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Monday - Whole school assembly in the Performance Centre @ 2pm
Monday - Science with Mr Handley (even weeks)
Library with Mrs Nelmes (odd weeks)
Thursday – SISA (odd weeks) Please wear Sports uniform

IMPORTANT DATES

11th February – Meet and greet your child's teacher (Session 1 – 5-5:30pm, Session 2 – 5:30-6pm)
18th February – IEP Interviews
3rd March – PLP Afternoon Tea
28th March – Clean Up Australia Day
19th March – Harmony Day / Bee Kind Day
2nd April – 3-6 3-Way Conferences
7th April – Easter Hat Parade

TECHNOLOGY & STEM

Students use computers daily in their learning. We will be focusing on logging on & off, WORD documents and typing. SeeSaw will be used as one communication tool. We will post news, updates and announcements. If you haven't joined yet, we would encourage you to do so, so that your child can share their learning goals with you.

MATHS

Week 2 - Whole Number
Week 3 - Multiplication and Division
Week 4 - Area
Week 5 - Patterns and Algebra
Week 6 - Consolidation/ Maths Investigations
Week 7 - Addition and Subtraction
Week 8 - Length
Week 9 - Chance
Week 10 - Data
Week 11 - Consolidation/ Maths Investigations

SCIENCE

Science this year will be taught in RFF by Mr Handley. This term they will be covering "Physical World". During this time students will actively develop skills in planning and conducting investigations, recording and analysing data, and problem solving.

INTEGRATED UNIT OF WORK

Students learn about social justice issues experienced by people with disabilities. They learn about the role that rules and laws play in our community as they share their opinions about existing laws. Students will research a disability and write creatively about an important day in the life of someone who has the disability that they have researched. Our UN goals for this term is Sustainability, with a focus on UN Goal 6: Clean Water, UN Goal 7: Affordable & Clean Energy and UN Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.

LITERACY

Speaking & Listening

Students will be grouped for Reading activities according to their ability. This allows for the needs of individual learners to be catered for. The focus will be on fluency and accuracy, as well as using the Super Six comprehension strategies of Making Connections, Visualising, Predicting, Monitoring, Summarising and Questioning. You can help your child at home by listening to them read as often as possible.

Writing & Representing

Children will be focusing on creating a range of informative texts throughout the term. There will be a focus on handwriting skills including correct letter formation, size and spacing.

Speaking & Listening

Speaking and Listening is an important strand in the English syllabus. Students are taught how to be effective communicators and active listeners. Speaking and Listening will be part of homework this term. News groups are an effective way for students to develop confidence and strong communication and listening skills. Please refer to the separate note for more information about news groups this term.

PD/H/PE

This year, PDHPE will be predominately run by specialist teachers from Sports in Schools Australia. In Term 1, the focus will be on Athletics and social skills and wellbeing. Students will participate in fortnightly 2 hours lessons with SISA every second Thursday commencing in Week 3