

Stage 3 Term 3 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a terrific Term 3 in Stage 3. This term our aim is to establish positive learning routines for all students. As a team we have planned specific programs designed to promote academic growth as well as high student engagement. After reflecting on Semester 1, we have decided to implement a few changes this term.

Maths

Curriculum Changes

In our effort to focus on core curriculum we are focusing on the following topics in mathematics:

Week 1: Revision of factors, multiples, division and multiplication.

Week 2 - 6: Fractions, decimals and percentages.

Week 7 - 8: 3D space.

Week 9-10: Revision of operations.

We have decided to move away from mathematics groups this term. Instead, students will learn mathematics with their designated classroom teacher. All lessons will continue to be planned collaboratively and we are differentiating the work so that individuals are appropriately challenged.



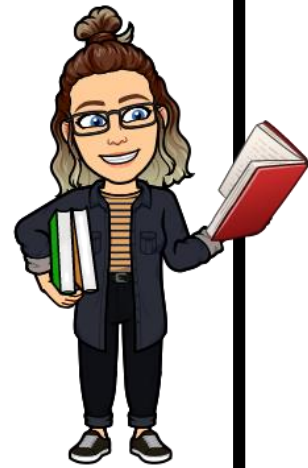
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English

In literacy we have a busy core program with the following focus areas:

- **Explicit comprehension instruction (identified areas for improvement are inference, summarising and interpreting figurative language)**
- **Informative writing (linked to geography outcomes)**
- **SMART Spelling**
- **Literacy Circles (phase 2)**
- **Morning Writes - a daily 30 minute writing routine to practise the many grammatical strategies we continue to work on.**



In addition to English and mathematics, students will continue to attend library weekly, science with Mr Handley, engage in weekly STEM workshops, attend PD/H/PE with the external provider (SISA) 2 hours per fortnight, Friday sport, CAPA lessons, geography and scripture/ethics will be returning from Week 3.

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Homework

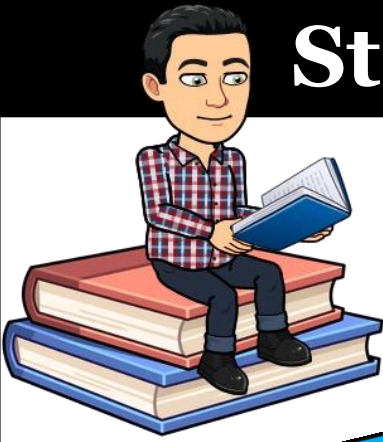
Homework has resumed this week. Activities are available through the 2020 Homework Google Classroom. Homework is not compulsory, however, we encourage students to engage in homework as a way of consolidating learning and establish good habits for high school. Students requiring hard copy homework may request this from their teacher.

Education Week



Week 3 is Education Week. Consistent with the 2020 theme, 'Learning Together' students have been allocated to a group to conduct research on one designated country. This research is designed to prepare students so that they are able to pretend to represent their country in a mini-Olympics day held on Friday 7th August. On this day students will be encouraged to come dressed in the colours of their country and will compete against other countries in a variety of international sports. We are very sorry that parents will not be able to witness the fun-filled day first hand (including an opening ceremony and a march) however, we will take and share lots of photos via Seesaw.

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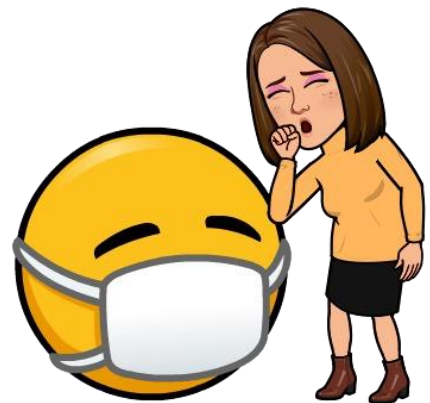


Health and Safety

With COVID regulations still in place, we are maintaining healthy habits such as regular hand washing, designated arrival and departure gates, limiting non-essential people onsite and actively discouraging resource sharing.

How you can help

Parents and carers can assist us by ensuring your child brings their own pencils, pens and a water bottle every day. Furthermore, if your child is unwell please keep them at home until symptoms have cleared.



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Finally, we are very aware of the uncertain times currently surrounding us during this pandemic. Although we were proactive in pushing overnight excursions as far back into Term 4 as possible (hoping restrictions might ease) at this point these experiences are looking unlikely. All planning is currently on hold. These are trying times for our kids and, if these activities cannot go ahead, you have our promise to try and provide fun, engaging alternative experiences for students within DEC guidelines. More information to come.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Please contact us should you require.



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