

# Level 3/4 Newsletter - Term 1

Welcome families to the Level 3/4 area. We are all looking forward to another year of learning.

The doors of the 3/4 area are opened each morning at 8.50am to enable the students to unpack and settle in for the school day.

## Compass

Please ensure you have notifications enabled on the Compass app. This will ensure you get all relevant information in a timely fashion. Please ensure your contact information on Compass is up to date. If you have changed your phone number or address please let the office know.

## Friendly Reminder

Please ensure your child's personal items, including jumpers and hats, are clearly labelled. If your child's headphones or library bag are still at home please return them to school as soon as possible.

## Important Dates:

8/2: First assembly

19/2 to 23/2: Swimming

29/2: Student First Aid Training

5/3: Parent Maths Information Evening

11/3: Labour Day

12/3: Getting To Know You Interviews

13/3 - 15/3: NAPLAN testing (Year 3s only)

20/3: School Photos

22/3: Colour Run

29/3: Good Friday

Looking ahead...

15/08: School Production

12/09: Sovereign Hill Excursion

**Brain Food:** Students may bring fruit or vegetable pieces in a small container to eat at their tables during the morning session. Students are also encouraged to have water bottles at their tables throughout the day.

**Diaries:** Every student has a school diary and this will travel to and from school daily. Diaries are a form of home / school communication and a means of recording your child's home reading.

**Canteen:** The canteen will operate on Wednesdays and Fridays. A counter service is also available at recess and lunchtime.

**Headphones:** All students need a working pair of headphones, especially Year 3s for NAPLAN in Week 7.

**Hats:** Hats are required for all students when playing or learning outside from September through to the end of April.

### Curriculum Focus

In Reading, students will strengthen their use of the Big 5 reading skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.

In Writing, students will develop their ability to structure simple, compound and complex sentences. Once mastered, students move towards planning and constructing quality paragraphs and whole texts.

In Spelling students learn general multisyllabic spelling rules and patterns and are introduced to the morphology of English (prefixes and suffixes), based on Latin and Greek roots.

In maths we will be focussing on place value, addition, subtraction, time, calendars, seasons and graphing.

### Level 3/4 Sport

In preparation for interschool sport in Year 5, students will hone their skills in a variety of sports. Some of these sports include netball, lacrosse, t-ball, cricket, Australian Rules and basketball. Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear on Thursdays.

### Homework

This year, students will be expected to read at home each night for at least 20 minutes. They will also need to write their reading in their diaries and ask someone at home to sign the diary weekly to acknowledge home reading has been done. Students can read books independently, with someone else or be read to. Other than this, there are no homework expectations, but students can play family board games, complete work not finished at school or work on inquiry projects.

If you have any questions regarding your child, please arrange a time to meet with the teacher or contact us via our email and we will reply as soon as possible.

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