

Term overview Year 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 2026!

We hope the holidays were enjoyable and you and your children were able to spend some time having fun and making memories together.

We are hoping that the weather cools considerably soon! However, this means that we'll see winter colds bothering us all. If your child is sick, keeping them home until they are well is the best way for us to minimise the spread of the germs and ensure the children recover completely.

Homework

As stated in last term's newsletter, as a year level team we have taken into consideration how hectic everyone's lives can be. Our focus for homework is on reading for about 10 minutes every day. The students have a folder which contains a reading log sheet. This sheet needs to be filled in at least 3 times a week and returned to school each FRIDAY. This will be sent home again on Monday. Some students will choose a book from school – others will read a book from home. A new reading log will be placed in their folders when the first is completed.

Year 2 Team

**Mr Tom McCartney
Acting Principal**



Reminders

Please ensure you have signed up to QParents and given third party consent for iPad apps and websites.

Please ensure your child's iPad has been charged and is ready for school every day.

Upcoming events

- ANZAC Day service 24th April 9am
- Labour Day 4th May Public Holiday
- Mother's Day stall 5th May
- Bugs Ed Incursion 18th May
- School photos 3rd June
- Athletics Day 15th and 16th June
- Prep-3 Disco 18th June
- Term 2 ends 26th June

Keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming events or any changes.



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Maths

In term 2 we will be learning the following concepts:

- Partitioning, rearranging and regrouping numbers to help with solving addition, subtraction and multiplication problems
- Making estimates to solve practical problems involving twos, fives and tens multiplication facts
- Estimating, comparing and measuring the duration of events using formal units of time.

English



In term 2 our unit centres around information texts. Students will create their own information report to present to an audience about a living thing (not an Australian animal as this was covered in Year 2).

- They will describe how texts are structured and presented.
- Describe the language and visual features of texts.
- Create texts to inform the reader about a topic.

Spelling will follow our Sound Waves program and reading will continue.

Science



In term 2 we will be investigating grouping, sorting and classifying living things. Students will recognise individual groups of plants and animals based on their observable features.



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Indonesian



In Year 3 we will:

- Learn about our neighbouring country Indonesia.
- Develop understanding of some greetings as well as words for stationery items.
- Respond to brief classroom instructions spoken in Indonesian and participate in language songs and games.

Music



In year 3 we begin the term with revising ideas about ANZAC, singing the NZ Anthem and revisiting Lee Kernigan's Spirit of the ANZAC's in preparation for our ANZAC ceremony. Then we move onto learning new notes on the recorder and doing some fun "poison tunes" on the recorder. A phrase of music pops up on the screen and that's the one you are not allowed to play when you see it otherwise you are out. We love to play these games especially Lava Poison rhythm. Just ask your child about it! All the while we will have some fun with drum stick patterns and passing the beat. We will also incorporate writing music on the staff.



PE and Health



In Health this term students will continue learning about emotions and strategies we can use to feel safe at school.

In Physical Education with Ms Wade, students will participate in Athletics Activities, learning foundational skills in these events. These include Shot Put, Modified Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, Sprints, 200m, 400m and Relays. Please remember to wear sensible shoes, sunscreen and a hat this term.



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HASS

In HASS this semester we will be exploring the historical part of the subject. We will be learning about celebrations and commemorations around the world.

Some of these will include:

- ANZAC Day
- Lunar New Year
- Australia Day/Survival Day
- Queensland Day
- NAIDOC Week

The Arts



Mr Sandilands will be teaching this subject. Students will:

- explore ideas and narrative structures of stories from Australia and neighbouring countries through roles and situations and use empathy in their own improvisations and devised drama
- use voice, body, movement and language to sustain role and relationships and create dramatic action with a sense of time and place
- shape and perform dramatic action using narrative structures and tension in devised and scripted drama
- identify intended purposes and meaning of drama using the elements of drama to make comparisons.

Technology



Mrs Cash is teaching this subject. In semester one, year 3 students will learn about and discuss eSafety rules. Students will create digital characters using the Keynote app and will use algorithms to animate their characters using branching methods and iterations.



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