



Stage 3 Newsletter Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great working with your children throughout Semester One and the Stage 3 teachers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you during Parent / Teacher conferences. The teachers are all looking forward to another busy and exciting time for our students, in particular our 3-day Camp in Week 9. We have several events this term so please keep your eye out for notes coming home and notifications on Schoolzine app.

Curriculum Focus Areas for Term 3

In Term 3, students will continue to improve their understanding of the four problem solving strategies of spelling, with an overall focus on increasing their vocabulary through etymology as well as morphology. This is the root of a word and the origin.

In both reading and writing, students will continue to expand their vocabulary. Students will refine their fluency skills reading a range of informative texts including explanations. As always, they will improve their comprehension skills through reading a variety of complex texts.

In their writing they will apply the literacy devices learnt in Semester 1 to enhance their text. The focus will also be on editing skills, ensuring they have used a variety of sentence structures and the correct punctuation to suit the needs of the texts purpose.

Students are continuing to build on the skills they have already mastered in previous stages and acquired in Semester 1. We will be focusing on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, communication, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving skills using Newman's Prompts and other learnt strategies. Mathematical vocabulary will be taught explicitly and used throughout all lessons. This will assist them in explaining how they have achieved the answer.

In Geography this term, students investigate "A Diverse & Connected World". Through this unit students will investigate:

- How do places, people and cultures differ across the world?
- What are Australia's global connections?
- How do people's connections to places affect their perception of them?

In PDHPE, the concept being explored is "Change". The winter PSSA competition will continue each Friday between 11:00am -1:15pm in Term 3. All other students will participate in school-based sport and other rotating activities during the same time period.

We would appreciate it if you could restock your child's pencil case. This includes glue and 3 whiteboard makers.

We look forward to seeing you at either the Athletics Carnival on **Wednesday 26 July** or on open day for Education week on **Thursday 3 August**.

Regards,

The Stage 3 Teaching Team.