



Year 3 Teaching and Learning – Term 3

Welcome back to term 3.

We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are ready for an eventful term. Listening to the students share their holiday stories, we can only conclude that they all had a well-earned rest.

This term will keep the grade 3s extremely busy as there is a variety of engaging educational activities on their school calendar. Students will experience their first introduction to Performing Arts in Spanish. In Drama, they will explore and learn how ideas and stories can be imagined and communicated through drama. Students will explore drama as an audience member and a performer. In Dance, they will be introduced to dances from Spain and South America.

The school musical is happening this term and will be a fun and rewarding experience for all involved. The show will be performed during week 8 (**30th and 31st of August**) and students are already excitedly talking about what their parts will be.

Kitchen garden is also a new addition to our curriculum. Both the teachers and students are looking forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden and cooking some fantastic recipes in the kitchen. If you would like to be a volunteer for the Kitchen Garden program please speak to your classroom teacher.

This term we are exploring some social and emotional lessons for students in grade 3. As part of this program we will be watching an ABC production called 'Little lunches'. This program is rated PG. This show is an ABC production aimed at students in this age groups. It is an engaging way to discuss issues that may arise at school. If you have any concerns about this program, please speak to your child's teacher.

Our inquiry topic this term has an art focus. Do you know anyone or are you an artist? If you are, our grades would love to hear from you. If you would be happy to speak to the students about your craft please speak to your child's teacher.

If you have any home readers at home (that you are finished with), please return them to your classroom.

We look forward to another engaging and productive term.

Please feel free to make a time to see your child's classroom teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

The Grade 3 Team,

Gayle, Andy, Sarah, Yolanda and Josie.

Diary Dates:

Term 3: 10th of July 2017 – 15th of September 2017.

School musical: (Week 8) **30th and 31st of August**



What we are learning this term in the classroom

Reading/Writing

- Students experience a variety of reading activities on a daily basis during our literacy block.
 - Reading; 4 x 50 minute sessions per week to focus on comprehension, reading fluency and decoding strategies
 - Students will be involved in whole class tuning in sessions and independent learning activities building their reading comprehension strategies.
 - Students will be participating in a range of readers' theatre sessions. Students will have scripts and will be given the opportunity to perform mini plays to their peers during reading sessions.
 - This term students will be focusing on their grammar and punctuation. Students will be explicitly taught about planning and editing their writing. Vocabulary and sentence structure will be a focus and students will be given the opportunity to practise their skills.
 - All students will continue to take home a reader for our Home Reading Program.
 - Students are given opportunities daily to practise their writing.
 - This includes exploring different text types such as writing narrative and persuasive texts and script writing
- ### **Speaking and listening**
- At school, students are continually involved in situations where they need to listen to and speak with others. Students will be given opportunities to practise these skills during class discussions, share time and formal presentations.

Mathematics

NUMBER

Students will continue to practise their addition and subtraction facts, focusing on fluency and confidence when dealing with 2 and 3 digit numbers. Division and multiplication will be a big focus this term and students will be focusing on multiplication and division facts for 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY

In Measurement and Geometry, students will start lessons on fractions. Students will be learning about $\frac{1}{2}$ s, $\frac{1}{4}$ s, $\frac{1}{3}$ s, $\frac{1}{5}$ s and how you can find part-of-a-whole of a collection of things, or a single item. Students will continue lessons on time practising their skills of telling the time to the nearest minute. Flips, slides and turns will be explored and students will practise moving shapes around by flipping, sliding and turning them.

CHANCE AND DATA

Students will conduct chance experiments, identify and describe impossible outcomes and recognise varying results.

Inquiry – Art Attack

Students will be immersed in the world of art. They will be participating in acting, singing and dancing during the school musical. Back in the classroom, students will be learning about different artists and their artistic style. Students will be given support to research a chosen artist and learn more about them. Students will complete the Inquiry unit by producing a piece of art work inspired by their chosen artist. Classrooms will be turned into art galleries at the end of the term to give parents and the school community the chance to view the priceless artworks created by Westgarth’s own resident artists.



What we are learning this term in specialist classes

Specialist timetable (From time to time there are timetable changes to accommodate whole school activities)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Physical Education			3Y,3S		3G, 3AJ
Music		3Y, 3G	3AJ		3S
Science Spanish			3S,3G	3Y	3AJ
Art Spanish			3S	3AJ	3Y
Performing Arts Spanish	3A	3Y,3G		3S	
Kitchen Garden	3Y, 3A, 3G			3S	

Physical Education

This term is all about athletics! The year 3s will be practising for the track and field events that all students will be competing in at our annual House Athletics Day which will be held on Tuesday August 8th. The focus will be on trying your best, team spirit, having fun and being a great ‘sport’. Towards the end of term the year 3s will be learning netball and AFL.

Music

The focus in music this term is the whole school production "Raiders of the Lost Decades". We will be busy learning songs and movement/actions and learning about how a musical is put together. Students will gain an understanding of theatre protocols and the rehearsal process resulting in the thrill of putting on a costume and performing in front of an audience in a real theatre on a real stage. It's going to be awesome!!

Spanish/Science

Year 3 students will reinforce their Spanish knowledge by learning about how Earth rotates on its axis and how this causes regular changes, including day and night. They will examine how the shape and position of a shadow is related to the time of the day and the position of the Sun. By doing this, students will be able to mention, in Spanish, the days of the week, months and seasons as well as talking about their daily routines.

Spanish/Visual Arts

In term 3 students in year 3 are going to continue their unit on Australian flora and fauna. We are going to be busy making a collaborative installation using different materials such as clay and mosaic. We are going to experiment with different materials and techniques including watercolour, acrylic paint and block printing. Along the way students will expand their Spanish vocabulary on verbs and adjectives used to describe animals and plants (verb to be and to have). To find out more about what we are doing in the Spanish classrooms you can visit the Spanish website <http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>.