

Year 3 Parent Information Session



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The Grade 3 Team

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School Values

- Respect
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Working Together
- Responsibility



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Mission Statement

Foster a community that empowers everyone to be their best.



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Daily Routines

- 8:45am to 9:00am – Students put their bags in the appropriate areas
- 10:40am – Recess
- 12:50pm – Supervised lunch eating time
- 1:00pm to 1:50pm – Outside play
- 3:30pm - Home Time*

*Students going for OSHC should head towards the gymnasium

Day-to-day Logistics in Grade 3

- Organisation and looking after their belongings
 - Please help your child and the teachers by labelling clothes and belongings
- Toilet breaks and sick bay
 - Students to go to the toilet in pairs
 - Students to go to sick bay with three other students
- On Monday mornings, students drop their bag at classroom. Students walk to Brooke Street for assembly when they hear the bell.
- If you have any concerns or queries, feel free to arrange a time to meet with the classroom teacher

English - Reading

- This term the Grade 3 students will be reading a range of text types.
- The **reading strategies** we will be explicitly teaching include:
 - Connecting the information and events in reading material with their own lives and experiences
 - Understanding the purpose and key features of fiction and non-fiction texts
 - Finding the main idea and restating information in their own words
 - Locating specific information in a text, and understanding inferred themes
 - Examining unfamiliar vocabulary in context
 - Building reading fluency and expression



English - Writing

- Closely linked to Reading program
- During whole group and guided reading sessions, students will: 'read with a writer's eye' to explore the key structural and language features of different text types.
- The **writing skills** that will be explicitly taught include:
 - planning techniques, e.g. mind mapping
 - paragraphing
 - using correct sentence structure
 - maintaining a consistent tense and voice
 - punctuation
 - spelling
 - vocabulary skills



Speaking and Listening

Students are given varied opportunities to develop their speaking and listening skills:

- Tuning In and Whole Class discussions
- Cooperative group work
- Answering questions and expressing opinions during small teaching groups
- Share / Reflection Time
- Class Meetings / Circle Time

The key skills we will be focussing on in Grade 3 include:

- Actively listening to teachers and peers
- Expressing their ideas in a clear and coherent fashion
- Speaking with appropriate tone, volume and pace
- Extending technical vocabulary and ways of expressing opinions



Mathematics

This term in mathematics we are continuing to work with students to develop their skills and fluency with number, in particular:

- Identifying odd and even numbers
- Counting skills, backwards and forwards
- Reading, writing, ordering and renaming numbers
- Addition and subtraction facts and strategies
- Reading analogue and digital clocks
- Collecting data and creating graphs

Mathematics

Students are supported to understand that there is more than one way to solve a problem and are strongly encouraged to access the maths trolley for concrete materials.

Don't Forget:

DEtv employs a step-by-step approach to show current methodology for teaching mathematics.

YouTube Channel: DEtv Donald Eddington

<https://www.youtube.com/DEtvDonaldEddington>



Inquiry

Our Four Inquiry Topics for the year:

1. Identity, diversity and culture
2. Community and resources
3. Creativity and performance
4. Sustainability and environment

Learning Assets:

Collaboration, Communication, Self
Management, Thinking and Research



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Homework Policy

Homework provides opportunities for parents and carers to be partners in their child's education. Aims:

- To provide guidance to parents about homework tasks and appropriate amount of time to spend on homework tasks.
- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits, including organisational & time management skills.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Homework and Home Reading

Daily home reading

- 20 minutes for students in years 3 – 6

Daily practice number facts

- 5 minutes for students in years 1 – 6

The school website will provide year-level appropriate learning tasks that are **optional** and is managed at home.

Homework in Grade 3 will consist of:

- practise reading to and with parents and independent reading
- practise basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division number facts to build automaticity
- gathering of additional information or materials as required.



Seesaw

- *Seesaw is a social media platform designed to welcome you into your child's classroom*
- *Seesaw will be used in all classrooms across the school*
- *Seesaw will be used to connect school with home to encourage conversations about what your child is learning*
- *Seesaw will not be used as a channel for parents to communicate with teachers individually or vice versa*



Specialist – Physical Education

- In years 3 to 6 the Physical Education program further develops fundamental motor skills through a range of different sports. Through simple and complex game situations students learn how to have fun while being physically active and learning skills and game tactics.
- Students are taught how to be a good sport by encouraging and supporting other students when participating in PE.
- Please ensure your child wears clothing they can move comfortably in and runners are essential.

In year 3 students at Westgarth are building up their competence in organised sport. In term two students will be working towards running 2kms without stopping. In term 3 students will compete in an athletics event at school, representing their house colour in a fun and supportive environment. In term 4 students will be given the opportunity to compete at the Westgarth swimming time trials.



Specialist – Music

- Each grade will have 1 x 50 min session of music per week.
- Grade 3, students have the opportunity to participate in the 3-6 choir which is held on Thursdays in session 6. There is no charge for this but students must commit to attending every week.
- Grade 3 students will be focussing on some of the different elements of music (tempo, dynamics, texture and structure) and how they can be used to create moods and effects in music.
- Students will also embark upon learning some basic guitar and ukulele chords as well as playing chords on keyboards and tuned percussion instruments.
- We will use these skills to play some simple songs as a class ensemble.
- Singing, listening and responding to music will also be a feature of the music program.
- There will be a whole school musical production in week 6 of term 3 (August 20 – 22)





SPANISH PROGRAM

1Art + 1Dis x 50 minutes session every week

CLIL methodology: deliver Content (Art, Discovery) and Language (Spanish) in a meaningful context and stimulating environment.

In Spanish / Art we explore drawing, painting, printing, collage, modelling, construction and thread & textiles. We learnt Spanish through art projects and everyday classroom communication.

In Spanish / Discovery we follow the Spanish, Geography, Science and Intercultural Capabilities curricula:

- the world and geographical features
- animals and plants
- culture and traditions of different places in the world

Support your child learning Spanish...

- ask them about some words they have been learning
- books in Spanish available to borrow in the library
- watch movies or songs in Spanish (list in website)
- website: <http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>



Swimming

Northcote Aquatic Centre

- 9 Sessions from 14th March to 27th March
- Parent Volunteers are more than welcome and greatly appreciated.
- Please help label every item especially goggles and swimming attire (where possible)



Parent Helpers

There are many ways that parents can support the classroom program:

- **Home Reading**
 - Listening to children read and changing readers
 - Home reading will take place at the end of the day, from around 3:00 p.m. onwards
- **Kitchen Garden**
 - Each Grade Three class participates in weekly Kitchen Garden sessions.
 - Alternate between cooking and gardening
 - Volunteers are welcomed and needed
- **Library**
 - Attending library sessions and helping children select and borrow books
 - Maintaining the library
- **Computer Lab**
 - Supporting children to log on to the network and give individual assistance with particular skills
- **Attending Excursions**
- **Visiting classrooms as as 'Expert'**

If you would like to help in other ways (laminating, sharpening pencils) please see your child's teacher.

NAPLAN

- What is NAPLAN?

	Tuesday 14 May 2019	Wednesday 15 May 2019	Thursday 16 May 2019
Year 3	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>



Questions



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