

# Grade 3/4B Newsletter

Term 2 2017

## Important Dates

**1st May**  
Yr 3-6 Clarinda Library Excursion

**9th- 11th May**  
NAPLAN (Grade 3 and 5)

**15th May**  
Curriculum Day

**17th May**  
Education Week Open Night  
6.00pm. —7.30pm

**29th May**  
Planetarium Excursion

**12th June**  
Queen's Birthday Holiday

**27th-28th June**  
Parent-Teacher Interviews

**30th June**  
Last Day of Term - 2:30 dismissal

## Welcome Back Everyone!

Term 2 has begun and once again we have hit the road running. We have lots of things happening this term with NAPLAN for the year 3s and other exciting learning opportunities including the 3-6 Athletics, Cross Country, an excursion to the Planetarium, ICAS, Premier's Reading Challenge and much more. If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact me via the student diaries or in person. Here's to a great Term 2!

Kind Regards, Erin Beissel

## Grade 3s NAPLAN Testing schedule

**Tuesday 9th May** \* Language Conventions - 40 min  
\* Writing - 40 mins

**Wednesday 10th May** \* Reading - 45 mins

**Thursday 11th May** \* Maths - 45 mins

If you have any concerns regarding the NAPLAN please contact your classroom teacher.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! Join in and read an exciting range of books. Grades 3 and 4 need to read 10 challenge books and 5 free choice books. Happy Reading!

## Specialist Timetable

**Mon: Whole School Assembly**

**Tues: Music**

**Wed: Library & PE**

**Thurs: Greek & Art**

**Fri: 3/4 Sport**



**Tissues** As we move into the colder months of the year we generally have a greater demand for tissues in class. If you could please donate a box of tissues to the class supply, it will be greatly appreciated. **Many thanks to the families who have already done so!**

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## PURPLE FOLDERS

Please remember to check the Purple Communication Folder every day and remove notices as they arrive. This ensures that you are always up to date with current school events and aware of any permission notes that must be returned. Purple folders must be brought to school every day along with homework



**READING:** We are trying to encourage a love of reading and demonstrate its importance in everyday life, both now and in the future. We would like for all children to read each night and to have their reader cover signed to indicate that they have read.

**Hats** are not required in Term 2 and students will not need to have them in order to play during recess and lunch.

## Homework Schedule

**Weekly homework is given out on Monday and daily tasks are as follows:-**

**Maths:** completion of a number facts column ( Mon , Tues, Wed , Thurs)

**Times Tables:** Practice reciting weekly times-tables 3 times per night

**Reading:** 20 to 30 minutes every night, recorded in the Reading Log

**Spelling:** Spelling activities—Students will record words from their fortnightly spelling lists and practice the blend/rule using a range of different activities.

**I encourage all students to log on to Studyladder/Essential Assessment, to further enhance their literacy and numeracy skills through games and activities. Log on details are in all all student diaries.**

## Term 2 Science Unit: — Night and Day

This term in science the class will discover what causes day and night and the relationship between the Sun, Earth and Moon. We will explore:

- \*the sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon.
- \*how shadows change throughout the day based on the Sun's position.
- \*how day, night and seasons are caused by the Earth spinning on it's axis.

We have a fantastic excursion to the planetarium at Scienceworks this term, to complement our science unit.