

Grade 3/4T Newsletter

Term 2 2017

Important Dates

1st May
Yr 3-6 Clarinda Library Excursion

9th- 11th May
NAPLAN

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 your classroom teacher via the student diaries or in person. Here's to a great Term 2!



Gr 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: Assembly 2:50pm

Tues: Music

Wed: P.E and Greek

Thurs: Library

Fri: 3/4 Sport and Art



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 timestables 3 times per night

Reading: 20 to 30 minutes every night

Spelling: Spelling rubric—Students will record words from their fortnightly spelling and practise

Students may log on to Studyladder/Essential Assessment, to further enhance their literacy and numeracy skills through games and activities. Log on details will be sent home.

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