

3/4B

Term 4

Welcome back!

We are now heading towards the end of the year with a very busy final term. It has been a privilege to have such wonderful children in my class. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and am greatly looking forward to our last term and our end of year celebrations.

Please make sure you read our important dates below, as we have a very busy term coming up!

As always, feel free to drop in and see me any day before or after school, or send a note in your child's diary. I am always happy to speak with parents whenever possible!

Thanks, Erin Beissel

Science

This term our Science Inquiry unit is called 'Feathers, Fur or Leaves'. Students will be provided with hands-on, shared experiences of how to distinguish between living and non-living things, and plants and animals.



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27th October

GRADE 3 SLEEPOVER



Monday 6th November

CURRICULUM DAY - no students at school

Tuesday 7th November

MELBOURNE CUP DAY – Public Holiday



Wednesday 8th November – Friday 17th November

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Friday 24th November

LAPATHON

Friday 1st December

SCIENCE INCURSION



Tuesday 5th December

SPELLING BEE

Wednesday 6th December

CHOIR TO BUPA AGED CARE

Friday 8th December

AFRICAN DRUMMING INCURSION



Friday 22nd December

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Rotations

During Term 4, Grade 3/4 students will complete rotations in mixed groups, where they will get the opportunity to participate in a range of different educational subjects and activities. Our subjects will be:

Programming with Janet Lai

In Term 4, Students will continue to explore how to use a variety of specific instructions to create algorithms and programs. Students will be exploring the website code.org and using 'blocks' of code to achieve goals and make their own creations using the design briefs.

Geography with Susie Trumble

Students are going to embark, this term, on a "trip around the world." We are focussing on the location and countries of each continent, the climate zones, oceans and geographical features. We are looking at the world map and fostering an interest in the diversity and beauty of the world.

Mindfulness with Pam Pashos

This term in Mindfulness the students will be practising the techniques we have been learning, to further assist when needed. Concentrating on breathing to relax, mindful drawing, visualisations and walking mindfulness. We will also be gardening as another form of mindfulness, planting, watering, weeding and watching our plants grow.

Design and Technology with Erin Beissel

In Term 4, we will be continuing to learn the steps of the Design & Technology process through working on individual projects. Each student will be designing their own puppet, making sure that it is colourful, entertaining and includes at least 2 moving parts. We are looking forward to seeing the characters the students create – if you would like to see some of their work so far, please drop into the Eulinga building!



Specialist Lessons

Specialist lessons for 3/4B will be held on the following days:

Monday	Whole School Assembly	
Tuesday	Music	 
Wednesday	P.E. Library (bring your library bag!)	
Thursday	Greek Art	
Friday	3/4 Sport	

Intensive Swimming Program

Wednesday 8th Nov –
Friday 17th Nov November



Please remember **bathers, towel, red swim cap, bag and sandals**. All items must be named. Swim caps can be purchased from the School Office.

Homework

The expectation continues to be for all students in Grade 3/4 to complete homework each night. This term, homework is broken into 3 sections:

Reading – students are expected to read every night, and record it in their reading log. In order to help your child to develop their comprehension skills, you can ask them to retell the story/information in their own words, as well as asking them some questions about what happened in their books. Students are welcome to read books from the class *Take Home Reader boxes*, but they are also welcome to read and record other books – it's a great idea to visit your local library so that your child can choose some exciting new books!

Maths – students will receive a weekly Maths homework sheet, focussing on quick recall of the Times Table facts. The purpose of this homework is to learn the times tables facts off by heart, so the questions will be repeated throughout the term in order to practise them.

Word Study – students will bring home an activity sheet each week and a selection of words (to focus on the same word family over a 2 week block). Each night the students need to complete the activity for that day using their set words. Students need to make sure they record the date and day they are completing it as the title of the activity in their Homework book.

3/4B Homework is due on Friday of each week.

