

3/4 Newsletter

Term 1 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 school year! We hope you have all had a safe and happy summer holiday, and are enjoying the excitement of the start of the school year as much as we are.

Please feel free to make an appointment to visit your child's classroom and introduce yourself if we have not already met, or send a note in your purple folder to make an appointment with your teacher.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 21/02 Open to Learning 3.00pm

Mon 09/03 Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 10/03 Curriculum Day

Fri 13/03 National Ride to School Day

Fri 13/03 Harmony Fiesta

Thurs 26/03 Easter Bun Day

Fri 27/03 Last Day of Term 1
School finishes at 2:30pm

MINDFULNESS

This year in 3/4 the students will be participating in mindfulness.

This will consist of a fitness component on the running track and completing small mindfulness focus activities in the classroom.

These will occur on alternating days and will support each student's focus and mindset, preparing them for the school day each morning.



3/4 SPECIALISTS

Art - Monday

P.E. - Tuesday

Greek - Tuesday

3/4 Sport - Thursday

Music - Thursday

Library - Thursday

STEM - Friday

Homework

The suggestion in Grade 3/4 is for all students to complete homework each night. In Term 1, students will complete the following:

Maths – students will receive a weekly Maths homework sheet, focussing on quick recall of simple number facts. The focus of these questions is recall and speed.

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 will complete the activity for that day using their set words. Students are required to record the date and day they are completing it with the title of the activity in their Homework book.

Reading – students will be asked to read every night, and record it in the reading log inside their **Reader Cover**. 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!

***Tips for helping with reading** – allow your child to read silently to themselves (this takes away the pressure of reading aloud!) then ask them to retell the key information or parts from the story they have just read. You can also ask more specific questions to help build comprehension (understanding) including questions such as, "Why did the character do that?" and "How are they feeling? How do you know?"*

rotations

In 2020, 3/4 students will complete Rotation activities with each of the 3/4 teachers.

Chemical Science

In Science this term, students will be investigating the properties of different materials. They will be exploring the chemical and physical nature of the substances used to make a variety of clothing, including raincoats, scarves, gloves and shoes.

Geography

This semester in Geography, students will be learning about our country, Australia. They will study some of the many Countries/Places of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples throughout Australia, and their connection to land. Students will complete a map of Australia as states and territories, and label Australia's major natural and human characteristics.

Dance

This term in Dance, students will be performing modern jazz dance routines using technical and expressive skills to communicate ideas to an audience of their peers. Students will also learn about safe dance practice and the different elements of dance.

ICT

During Term 1, students will explore PiCollage and Popplet on the iPads. They will develop skills to create mind maps about various topics. Students will work with partners and independently to enhance their skills in technology.

Health

This term during Health education, students will be learning how to interpret health messages in the media and will identify types of media they can trust. Students will seek to understand healthy food choices and consider how they can improve their snacks to include more fruit and vegetables and fewer wrappers.

FITNESS CLUB

Fitness club is back on **every Tuesday** from 8:25am – 8:40am. Feel free to meet on the running track every Tuesday, on the school oval and see how many laps you can run!



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Reminders

School Attendance & Punctuality: Children are expected to be at school on time as we begin our day with mindfulness at 8:50am. If your child is going to be absent, it would be appreciated if the school is notified with a phone call before 9:10 am. Otherwise a written note must be sent the next day.

Black Shoes: All students are required to wear black leather shoes as part of the uniform and can wear black runners on PE and sport days.

Water bottles: Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle with them to school every day. Please make sure they are named and contain only water. Fruit juice, cordial or other drinks are not allowed.

Brainy Bites: Students may bring fruit or vegetables into class to snack on during the day. This is great for helping them to maintain healthy minds and bodies.

No Wrappers: We would like all students to bring minimal wrappers (preferably none!) to school every day, and encourage you to send snacks and lunch in named containers. We will be promoting **No Wrapper Wednesday** this year.

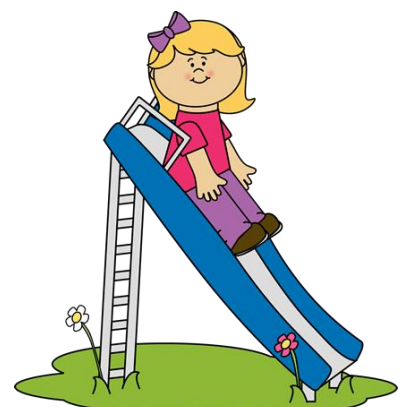
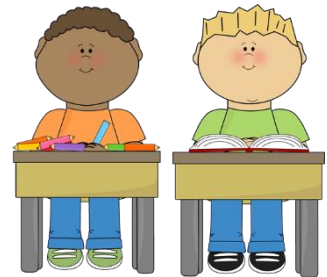
SUNSMART: It is school policy that a school –approved navy blue hat must be worn during play and sport activities in Term 1 & 4.

Purple Folders: The purple communication folder is used to transfer notices & letters between home and school. This folder is required at school every day. It is important that it is checked & cleared every night so

Start and End of Day

To help us all settle into the school year properly, we ask all parents and students to remember these guidelines for the start and end of each school day...

- Our first **school bell rings at 8:50am**, and students then need to line up in their class line on the netball courts before going inside.
- Students will be dismissed at the end of the day from the door closest to their classroom.
- We ask that parents **do not** wait inside the Gallery space in the morning and afternoon, as this is a learning space and many students find it difficult to concentrate if they can see parents around. **Please wait outside for your children**. You can either wait outside the Gallery door, or you may decide another location (such as the big tree or the Senior Playground) to meet your child.



School Discipline Policy

Rationale

All children and staff have the right to work in a safe and orderly environment. Students have the right to work and play in an inclusive environment. Teachers have the right to teach in an orderly and cooperative environment. Parents have the right to expect that their children will be educated in a secure environment in which care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others are encouraged upheld.

General School-wide Rules

1. Treat others as you like to be treated.
2. Listen to and follow all teachers' directions.
3. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
4. Use sports and playground equipment correctly and safely.
5. Play in designated play areas. Out of bounds areas are: behind the sheds along the car park, in the car parks, behind the portables facing Centre Road, behind the Eulinga building and all ramps.
6. Do not leave the school grounds during school hours, except with a teacher's permission.
7. Place litter in the bins provided.
8. Respect the schools and other people's property: no graffiti or vandalism
9. Chewing gum and spitting are not allowed.
10. Follow school procedures for going to the toilet.
11. Be punctual at all times.
12. Don't play or run in the toilets or breezeway.
13. Use toilets and drinking fountains in an appropriate manner.
14. From January to March and September to December: No hat, no play (as per SunSmart Policy)
15. Trees and fences must not be climbed.
16. Bikes and scooters are to be walked on school grounds and a helmet must be worn if you ride or scoot to school.
17. Exit through the closest door to your classroom.
18. No games on the assembly area, except down ball and tennis.
19. Only children in Years 3 – 6 are allowed on the senior playground during school hours. Senior playground is not to be used after school.