

# Grade 3/4 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2, and welcome to all of our new students. I hope you all had a lovely break. Please read all of the important dates for this term as we are going to have a very busy term.

Please feel free to drop in and say hi, or make an appointment to meet by leaving a note in your child's Purple Folder or through Dojo.

Kind Regards,

The 3/4 Team

## ***Important Dates***

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May - NAPLAN Assessments

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Open Night from 5:30-7pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Curriculum Day (no School)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Birthday (no school)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Reports sent home

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Parent/Teacher interviews

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June - End of Term - Early dismissal 2.30pm

# ROTATIONS

## Science

This Term, students are learning about Physics through the topic of 'Magnets'. Students will learn about how magnets work and conduct experiments with their peers.

## History

This term, the students will be exploring the journey of a significant world navigator, Captain Cook on his ship, The Endeavour. They will be investigating the route and reasons for his journey and how he navigated and mapped the coastline of Australia. Students will also complete their own online mission to learn about the different perspectives of the First Nation peoples and the crew of the Endeavour, after landing in Australia.

## Geography

This term for geography, students will be exploring neighbouring countries. Students will research to find information on New Zealand and Indonesia. Working in pairs, students will learn about vegetation, native animals, cultural celebrations and interesting landmarks in both countries.

## ICT

During ICT this term, students will be exploring the Green Screen app on the iPads. Students will look at the features of Green Screen and use a step by step process to create a video. Working in groups, students will find a background, based on their interests, and create a story that they want to film.

## *Homework*

In Term 2, students will complete the following:

**Maths** - students will receive a weekly Maths homework sheet, focussing on quick recall of times tables facts. All children will benefit strongly from being able to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 by the time they complete Grade 4.

**Reading** - students are expected 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 that your child can choose some exciting new books to read!

## *Premier's Reading Challenge*

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again right now, and we would like the students who are enrolled to read as many books as they can. Remember a student who reads 20 minutes per day will have read 3,600 minutes in a school year.

Please remember to bring a box of tissues to share with your class this term.