

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the following you will find a few reminders, some important dates to remember and our focuses this term for each learning area. We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting and very busy term ahead.

Grade Three Teachers

- 3C – Ms Eve Campbell
- 3Ha – Mrs Lisa Hallal
- 3H – Mrs Moira Hill
- 3L – Mrs Catherine Lancaster
- 3S – Mr Rob Salerni

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

Important Dates

- Curriculum Day Monday 6th May
- Mother's Day Stall Tuesday 7th/Wednesday 8th May
- Cross Country Thursday 9th May
- NAPLAN Tuesday 15th May – Thursday 24th May
- Grade Three Camp Wednesday 29th May – Friday 31st May
- Book Fair Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June
- Queen's Birthday (no school) Monday 10th June
- Swimming begins Wednesday 12th June
- Year 3 Open Afternoon Thursday 20th June (3:00 – 3:20)
- Reports on Compass Friday 21st June
- P/T Interviews Monday June 24th Tuesday June 25th
- Last day of Term 2 Friday 28th June – 2:30 finish

SEESAW

All classes have handed out the Seesaw notices. Please see your child's teacher if you do not have the QR code to access their work and special messages. Please check regularly, as there are many great things happening in our classrooms and at school!

Term Two Learning Snapshot

NAPLAN

This term our Grade Three students will complete their first NAPLAN. This test will assess your child's literacy and numeracy skills and provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing as well as providing schools, education authorities and governments with valuable information. You can help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

If you have any questions regarding your child's suitability to complete this assessment or if you know they will be away during this time, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Grade Three Camp

The Grade Three students are excited to be the very first Woodlands Grade Three children to go on camp for two nights! We will have lots of time to answer questions and have

already discussed incredibly important issues such as, "What will we have for breakfast, lunch, dinner *and* dessert?"

Priorities indeed!

The most important thing to focus on is that the children will have a fantastic time away from home with their 'school family'. Together we can celebrate the positive experiences they have to look forward to, while families can continue to encourage their independence skills at home.

English

In English, the students will explore both narrative and persuasive writing and will be exposed to various forms of poetry. Through these text types, the students will be provided with the opportunity to experiment with a variety of language structures in order to express their ideas and opinions.

We will continue to work on improving both literal and inferential comprehension skills. We have been using CAFÉ strategies during our Daily 5 sessions where students are working on a range of skills in writing, spelling, speaking and listening.

The whole school Jolly Phonics Program is working well in all classrooms and students have been consistently completing their weekly spelling and grammar tasks.

At home, it is expected that students continue to read aloud for a minimum of 5 nights per week for at least 20 minutes. Please encourage an enjoyment for reading and try to make reading part of your daily routine. Spelling words are also included in students' Reading Logs and we would love them to practise these words each day too.

Maths

In maths this term we will continue to focus on a range of topics with an emphasis on hands on learning so that students develop a deep understanding of the concepts that we cover.

We will also continue with our number talks, explicit teaching, rich learning tasks and collaborative learning. Each week we cover a general mathematical curriculum area, number skills and revision. For example, alongside some revision before NAPLAN, we will be focusing on topics such as fractions, time, measurement, shape and mapping. An action packed term with plenty to learn!

We encourage students to continue to practise their times tables and go onto Mathematics at home when possible.

Inquiry

This term, the Grade Three students will be exploring the topic of Geography. The central idea for the unit is:

Geographical location influences the climate and the lives of living things.

Throughout the unit, we will be learning about the continents and climate zones of the world and looking specifically at the geography of Africa and South America. Students will have the opportunity to complete research assignments about the countries and living things that are found in these continents. We will also learn about the states and cities that make up Australia. Please feel free to share any knowledge about this topic with your child.

Wellbeing

Our school's positive education program 'THRIVE', will once again be providing students with opportunities to explore their social and emotional wellbeing.

During Term 2, the THRIVE focus throughout the school is 'R' – Relate Well. The Grade Three students will participate in a range of activities that help develop their problem solving skills and help them understand that problems are a normal part of everyday life. Our weekly Excellence Awards will tie in with the six THRIVE values –

T-Try Your Best, H-Be Healthy, R-Relate Well, I-Get Involved, V-Live Your Values and E-Enjoy Positive Emotions. We are proud of the joint approach the four Langwarrin schools (EMC, Langwarrin Park PS, Langwarrin PS and Woodlands PS) bring together to promote wellbeing within our local community.

Thank you,
The Grade Three Team