

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER- TERM 3 WEEK 3

Welcome back to another busy and exciting semester. This term we will be working on two inquiry areas, beginning with a unit on rules, laws and leadership, culminating in students researching a leader in our community. They will be choosing from Rosie Batty, Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai.

Following this, we will be launching a science unit during Science Week, specifically focusing on 'changes in matter'. If you are interested in running an experiment for the children that demonstrates an observable change, we would love your help, just talk to your classroom teacher.

The Year 3 Teaching Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 18 August- during SCIENCE WEEK

Foundation- Year 3 Science Fair

We encourage all students to submit a piece of writing, an invention or an experiment. See the application form (**Due August 12**) and the school newsletter for details.

Monday 24 August

Book Week Parade- students may pick a character from their favourite book to dress up as. We will have a whole school parade to showcase all the fantastic costumes.

Wednesday 9 September

Whole School Production

Seussical the Musical at Robert Blackwood Hall



Term 3 Spelling Focus

You will have noticed that Term 3 homework has a strong spelling focus. At school we are aiming to support students to develop their skills with targeted sessions focusing on specific spelling patterns and blends, as well as helping to expand vocabulary.

We are regularly testing spelling at the end of each homework cycle as well as providing individualised word lists in order to best support each child. At home, practicing these words with your child as well as testing their spelling will support this process.



Year 3 Camp-October 14-16

The highly anticipated Year 3 camp is drawing closer and we have plenty of excited children looking forward to this wonderful opportunity.

We encourage all students to prepare for this experience by trying a few simple activities at home:

- Independently roll up and pack a sleeping bag.
- Independently organise themselves for a short 3 minute shower.
- Pack and carry their bag with camp essentials.

As Term 3 progresses we will remind students to practice these tasks to enable their camp experience to run as simply and smoothly as possible.

More information, including medication information and packing lists will be sent home later in Term 3.

Camp payment details:

Instalment 3: **\$80.00** due by Monday 10th August
Final Payment: **\$70.00** due by Monday 7th September
TOTAL: \$280.00

If you, or your child, have any concerns about camp, please feel free to speak to your classroom teacher.

Science Week

Some suggestions for parent run experiments in your child's classroom:

- Make popcorn
Students can observe, discuss and describe the chemical changes taking place.
- Blow up a Balloon using yeast
<https://sciencebob.com/blow-up-a-balloon-with-yeast/>
- Make a Thermometer
<http://www.scienceinschool.org/2012/issue-24/energy>

Each experiment will be accompanied by observation, discussion and a description of the changes taking place. Students will be required to write up the scientific method for each experiment. Let us know if you would like to help out!