



Parramatta North Public School

Stage 3 Newsletter Term 1, 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another exciting year of learning in Stage 3! Our school is committed to the quality teaching of all Key Learning Areas in an inclusive, engaging and supportive environment. We look forward to your support so that together we may continue to provide your child with a happy and successful year at school.

Behaviour and Work Ethic

It is expected that students will develop sound work practices, completing set tasks to the best of their ability in the classroom and at home. School equipment is to be brought to school daily and kept in good working order. Students are expected to be safe respectful learners. Adherence to classroom rules creates a settled, safe and positive working environment, which benefits everyone. We expect students in Stage 3 to take responsibility for their own learning.

Homework

Homework grids are sent home each week. There will also be homework posted online. The grid provides a combination of spelling activities, revision tasks to complement class work and life skills. If students have any problems or concerns with homework, they can discuss them with their teacher. Homework is to be brought to school on Fridays. Parental support with encouragement and praise for a job well done, helps to make the homework process more meaningful and enjoyable for students.

English

Students in Stage 3 will be working on gaining a deeper level of understanding when reading a wider range of texts and answering increasingly complex questions about these texts. The students will be given opportunities to improve reading skills through guided, shared and independent reading activities. Reading is an integral part of learning in all other KLAs. Explicit and systematic teaching of grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling underpins this learning.

Mathematics

Number – number activities this term will focus on addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals, multiplication and division, patterns and algebra and measurement. Students will be taught the skills needed to assist them in solving problems with a focus on working mathematically and developing a range of mental strategies.

History/Geography

Students will be undertaking a unit of work called 'Australia as a Nation'. They will learn about the lead up to the Federation of Australia and some of the important people involved in this process. This unit also examines our system of government and relates closely to our three-day, two-night excursion to Canberra in June.

Science and Technology

Students will be learning about earthquakes and the environmental factors that lead to them.

Creative and Performing Arts

Students will be focusing on visual arts through a unit of work based on the genre of 'Street Art' as well as being given opportunities in the other areas of creative and visual arts.

Personal Development and Health Physical Education

Personal Development – Classes will be participating in road safety lessons throughout the term.

Physical Education – Students will participate in a variety of modified games, sports and fitness activities aimed at raising their heart rates and building fitness.

Technology

Students will be accessing iPads, XO's, Infinity laptops and a variety of computer programs and using the internet for research activities.

Sport

Students will either be involved in PSSA Cricket, Softball, Newcombe Ball or school sport on Friday mornings.

Scripture

Scripture is held Wednesdays at 9.30am. Your child will attend the Scripture class nominated on their enrolment form unless we are notified in writing of a change.

Library

Students will borrow and return each Wednesday and it is expected all students will do this on a weekly basis. Students will also use the library for research activities.

Absence Notes

It is a Departmental requirement that a note explaining an absence is provided to the teacher when a student returns to school. Please ensure these notes are signed and dated. Alternatively, absences can be reported by using the school app. If students are *arriving late or leaving early*, a parent must sign them in or out at the office.

Medication

Please hand in any medication to the office. This will be administered by office staff.

Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the full school uniform each day at school. Sport uniform is to be worn on Fridays. Students need to wear their school hat each day. Students can also purchase a Stage Three jacket.

Nut Awareness

Please consider the health requirements of some of our students by not sending any nut-based products to school such as peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars or nut packs.

Communication

The school website (<http://www.parramattan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>) is used to communicate with the community. Please check your child's bag regularly for notes from the school. Our online newsletter is sent every 2nd Monday..

Please arrange an appointment to see your child's teacher should you have any concerns. Appointments can be made through the office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Regards,

Stage Three Teachers
Ms Yashmin Lance and Mr Lewis Burrough

Assistant Principal
Mr Ian Wheatley

Principal (rel)
Miss Kate Young