

Year 3/4 Newsletter: Term 2 No 1

Challenge students to be risk takers who become independent, collaborative learners

Reading

Students will have the opportunity to select a range of non-fiction texts to learn more about topics that interest them. It is really important for students to enjoy reading as they learn lots of fascinating facts throughout this process. Reading lessons will also have a strong focus on analysing narratives, persuasive writing and information reports to teach students about the various writing techniques that authors use. Reading Eggs is an online resource that has a huge selection of books students can read. These are accompanied by quizzes to help improve their comprehension. Students will be given some time throughout the week to use this resource at school and you can support their learning by encouraging them to also access Reading Eggs at home.



Louis reading a book on Reading Eggs



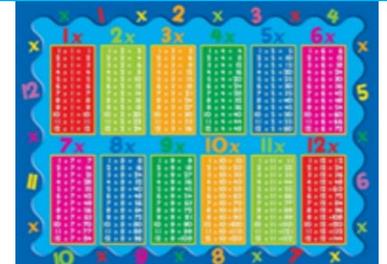
Naomi and Angelina working on their persuasive writing

Writing

Students will be completing the persuasive writing unit where they learn to express their opinions on a range of different topics using a strong persuasive structure. Students will be exploring persuasive language in different contexts and creating a range of different persuasive texts, from essays to advertisements. In the latter part of the term, students will be moving on to information reports. Integrated with the Science and Inquiry units, students will learn the relevant vocabulary and how to structure reports on topics such as chemical sciences, experiments and local laws.

Maths

All students will be developing their multiplicative thinking. Year 3 students will investigate repeated addition, groups and arrays, linking this to learning their multiplication facts. Year 4 students will explore multiplication using these facts to solve 2 by 1 digit equations and identify efficient strategies to use when solving these types of problems. Students will use these facts and skills to solve division equations and explore the relationship between division and multiplication. They will also complete integrated maths lessons weekly, exploring positions and pathways, slides and turns, symmetry, interpreting and constructing data and learning about money. Year 3 students are expected to know and recall their 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplication facts by the end of the year, progressing to knowing all facts to 10 x 10 by the end of Year 4. You can help your child at home by getting them to practise and recall these facts.



Jian and Ivan playing a game.

Social and Emotional Learning

In Social and Emotional Learning, the focus will be on developing and fostering student voice. Students will be given an opportunity to develop skills and talents in areas in which they are most interested. They will also be discussing how and why setting goals is important for their future.

Science: Chemical Sciences

Year 3

Year 3 students will be focusing on the unit 'Melting Moments'. They will participate in hands-on shared experiences of heating and cooling different materials and exploring how adding or removing heat can change the shape of objects. Students will represent and explain their understanding of how different materials change from solid to liquid or liquid to solid at different temperatures. They will then conduct an investigation into the way shape affects the melting rate of chocolate!

Year 4

Year 4 students will be focusing on the unit 'Material World'. They will be discovering how natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties and how these properties can influence their use. Students will conduct an investigation and test the decomposition and absorbency of materials.



Inquiry

Students will be exploring Civics and Citizenship, specifically, learning about the importance of rules and laws, and how they are different. Students are excited to have Sergeant Trev from the Dandenong Police Force visit them next month to talk about his duties as well as highlighting why it is important to follow rules and laws. Students will also learn about the roles of local government and other local services by going on a community walk.

Homework

Students take home a book every night to read. If it is a long book it can be read over several nights. Students receive homework every Thursday and have one week to complete it. Please ensure your child completes it as the activities will reinforce their learning at school. In addition to the weekly homework students can practise their spelling words and learn their multiplication facts.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
1,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	150 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	252,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardised tests	Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardised tests	Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardised tests
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Dates: MAY

- 8th Incursion- Police Visit
- 10th Assembly AT 3.00pm
- 14th NAPLAN Year 3
- 15th NAPLAN Year 3
- 16th NAPLAN Year 3
- 17th District Cross Country
- 23rd Twilight School 12.30 –7.00pm
- 24th May: Assembly at 3.00pm
- 29th May: Ridiculous Rhyme Show

Dates: JUNE

- 7th Assembly at 3.00pm
- 21st Assembly at 3.00pm
- 28th Singing Assembly: 1.30
- 28th Last day of Term 2
School finishes at 2.30pm

Attendance

Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives by 8:50am to prepare for their day in order to maximise their learning time.

Nude Food

Athol Road is a Nude food school so PLEASE keep making sure that your child brings food to school without wrappers. This will help to maintain a clean and ecofriendly environment for all of everyone to enjoy.

Few key tips:

- Use reusable takeaway containers and lunchboxes to put your lunch and snacks in.
- Bring reusable water bottles.

Please remember to label all containers and belongings

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

- Friday, 31st May: Gold coin donation