

Kurunjang Primary School

~Learning Together~

Year 3 Newsletter Term 2 2023

Welcome

We want to start our Term 2 newsletter by welcoming all our students and families back for a new term! We welcome Sophia Alex to our team. We are all excited to have her join our team.

If families have any questions, the school is only an email or phone call away!

We were super impressed with how the year 3 students settled into the year and look forward to another fantastic term.

Learning Together and School Values

Our main focus this term is settling students back into classroom expectations after the break! We hope to continue to equip students with the skills and mindset that will stay with them long after this year. Our school values are Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Empathy, Excellence and Effort. As their teachers, we hope to support them and foster these values, watching them grow as young individuals and leaders.

Take Home Books, Reading Journals and Homework

We would like to see students continuing to read a different book each night and record it in their Reading Journal. Teachers will check the Reading Journal every day. It can also be used to communicate with teachers and to explain an absence from school. This is an important part of our morning routine. We also want to thank parents for ensuring that students arrive at school on time for an 8:50am start.

Reminder that homework is given fortnightly to students starting from week 4, and it is an expectation that each student attempts homework. If they are struggling, classroom teachers will give support.

Uniforms, hats and water bottles

We encourage all students to bring in a clearly labelled drink bottle so that they can keep hydrated and minimise interruptions to student learning. School hats are still recommended even though the weather is now cooling down. Please ensure that all students belongings are labelled to ensure they can be returned when they are lost. If your child has lost any items during term one, please visit our lost property in the main building.

COMPASS

Have you signed up to COMPASS?

COMPASS is our main platform for communicating school related information. Teachers report on an aspect of student learning approx. every 2 weeks and this is sent via COMPASS for the parents to access. Your child's teacher can also be contacted through Compass.

Please see Deb, Tom or Wendy at the office for your login details.

Term 3 Lady Northcote Camp

As part of the camping program for Kurunjang Primary School 100 children in years 3/4 will have the opportunity to attend a three day, two night camping experience at Lady Northcote Camp.

Lady Northcote Camp is situated in Glenmore. Students will have the opportunity to build confidence, independence and resilience by exploring outdoor adventure activities, working co-operatively and challenging themselves.

Expressions of interest for camp will go out early this term.

Learning Focus for Term 1

Reading

In **Reading**, we will be covering a variety of reading strategies, starting with Questioning, then moving onto Inferring, Summarising and Visualising. These reading strategies will assist students in comprehension of a range of texts.

Maths

In **Maths**, we will begin the term looking at Place Value, then on to learning about Money, Measurement, Stats and Probability and Shapes and Angles. These topics will prompt students to consider mathematical concepts they experience in everyday life.

Writing

In **writing**, students will be looking at Information Texts, Explanations and Free Verse Poetry. Students will research information through inquiry on a chosen topic and collate this into writing pieces.

Inquiry

During **Inquiry** this term, students will be looking at a geography unit focusing on places and landmarks at a local, state and national level. We will also explore our nearest neighbours.

SEL

Within The Resilience Project, this term we will be exploring the concept of Empathy.

Upcoming Events

Student free day: 24th April

Anzac Day public holiday : 25th April

Start of term - 26th April (8:50am start)

Week 2 & 3- Swimming: 1st May - 10th May

Week 4 - Education Week:

Week 8 - King's birthday public holiday: Monday 12th June

Week 8 - Alphashow: Thursday 15th June

Last day for term 2: 23rd June

Term 3: 4th-6th September 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp cost approx.. \$280

Specialist classes

Please see below our specialist timetable for Term 1.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 / 4 Tony	Visual Art	Kitchen Garden	PE	Performing Arts	STEM ¾ Sport
3 Danielle	¾ Sport STEM	Visual Arts Kitchen Garden	Performing Arts		PE
3 Christina	¾ Sport Kitchen Garden	STEM	Visual Arts	Performing Arts	PE
3 Sophia	¾ Sport Performing Arts Kitchen Garden	Science	PE		Visual Arts

Performing Arts

In Performing Arts

In Performing Arts, the year 3/4 students will work independently and in small groups to understand and demonstrate the basic elements of music. Students will learn about African culture and music traditions. They will learn to play African percussion instruments and Djembe drums with correct technique. Students will play rhythm patterns and songs, build ensemble skills, and rehearse and perform to an audience.

Visual Arts

In art this term year 3 and 4 students will explore paint as a medium for colour application. They will view Cubism and Fauvism artworks and be inspired to explore art elements such as line, shape, colour and pattern to create their own artworks using a range of mediums.

Physical Education

Students will participate in modified units of work on AFL football and court invasion games with a focus on developing skills and applying them to minor team games.

Students will also begin an athletics unit with a focus on learning the techniques of track and field events.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in an eight day swimming program.

Kitchen Garden

In Kitchen Garden this semester, we will be focusing on learning about the utensils used in the kitchen and how to set a table properly. We will be learning about the different types of fruits and vegetables, the parts of the plant they come from, and the five different food groups. We prepare food following hygiene procedures and enjoying the food we prepare and cook. We will also be learning about the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

Science

In Science, students will investigate how forces can be exerted by one object onto another. With guidance, students will identify questions that can be investigated scientifically and predict what might happen. A particular focus will be expanding student vocabulary, thus providing students with the ability to describe in detail forces at work.

We look forward to ***learning together*** in Term 2 and the rest of the year.

The Year 3 Teachers