

# St Francis of Assisi Primary School

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Dear Parents of Year 3.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents. In Term 1 we will be covering the following topics:

## English

The English curriculum is built around three interrelated strands of Language, Literature and Literacy. Together the strands focus on developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating. Students will listen to, read, view and interpret spoken, written and multimodal texts. They will make predictions and contribute actively to class discussions. The students will be studying 'Rowan of Rin' by Emily Rodda and will be working with texts to persuade and entertain. These texts are also known as expositions and narratives. Students will create structured texts to entertain different audiences and demonstrate an understanding of grammar, expressive language use and accurate punctuation. Students will become more confident and accurate when spelling familiar words and apply a range of strategies to spell new words. They will learn effective editing skills to improve their written work and convey meaning.

## Numeracy

One of our major focusses this year will be to build greater Number sense and mental calculation with our Year 3 students. A deep understanding of Number (place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals, mental calculation strategies) is ESSENTIAL if we want students to be able to use their Mathematics knowledge in the real world. To assist with building their Number sense we will be setting weekly tasks using the Maths Online program for homework as of Week 2. Students are also encouraged to practise their speed skills as often as they can. We would encourage you to take every opportunity to work on your child's ability to recall their addition and subtraction facts to twenty e.g. ask them simple addition and subtraction questions whilst you are doing everyday tasks like driving in the car, preparing dinner, washing up etc.

## Science

Mr Peter Collins will be teaching the students Science this term. The students have already shown great enthusiasm after conducting experiments with Mr Collins in Week 1. Having a designated specialist teacher for Science is a wonderful opportunity for our students and we look forward to hearing all about their hands on learning experiences. (This will take place of GEOSAS)

## Religion

Students will be able to define discipleship and link ways we are called to be disciples with the stories Jesus told. They will be reminded about the significance of Ash Wednesday and Lent leading up to Easter. Students will identify ways the community prepares for Easter and recall the events of Holy Week.

## Personal Development and Health

Students will learn about being SunSmart, how to develop their interpersonal skills, positive thinking, and identifying bullying and strategies to deal with issues arising with peers.

## Physical Education

Sport is on Tuesday and Thursday and therefore the sports uniform is worn on these days. Various sports will be covered over the year. This term we will be developing t-ball skills and an understanding of the rules of the game. We will also be completing a fitness program which includes vigorous movement to increase the heart rate.

## Art

Students will develop a capacity to create, present and appreciate a range of art forms. In Visual Art, students will develop and refine their creative skills by exploring possibilities and experimenting with techniques and ideas. This unit is integrated with other subject areas.

## Reading at home

Please continue to read with your child each night. Year 3 do not use levelled readers or their reader book bags. Please assist your child if necessary to select books which they are interested in. These could be from the school library, home or the public library. There are 'home reader' books available in the classrooms upon request. Students just need to record the book they have borrowed. Please note there will be a homework sheet sent home on Mondays with a section for parents to comment and sign.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and getting to know your child better in order to assist him/her to grow and learn. We provide inquiry based learning opportunities and hope that the year ahead brings great achievements and joy.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year Three Team

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