

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

## ***What a wonderful year...!***

The 3/4 Team would like to thank all families for a wonderful year. It has been an absolute privilege working with and getting to know your extraordinary, talented, funny, kind hearted children. We are looking forward to celebrating their achievements as the year comes to a close; when their portfolios come home in the final week of school, we encourage you to spend some time with your child and reflect on the growth they have made from Semester One to Semester Two. We are proud of each of our magnificent students.

## **Literacy**

We have had an exciting month of Literacy! The students have enjoyed learning about Ike the dog and reading his letters of complaint in our Mentor Text, 'Dear Mrs LaRue'. Students have been analysing the author's craft and digging deeper into their comprehension to infer and understand the character's thoughts, feelings and motivations. We have been looking closely at the author's word choices and looking at the impact they have on the story and what would happen if the author chose different words. The students have been using what they have learnt about the author's craft in Reading and they have created some very impressive persuasive texts about global issues that are important to them. We have seen a big difference in their use of vocabulary, sentence structure and persuasive techniques. We are very excited for you to see their growth when they bring their portfolios home!



## **Numeracy**

This Term we have been furthering our knowledge of money and improving our understanding of angles. Students have enjoyed learning how to calculate change to the nearest 5cents, especially thinking about real world situations when they might need these skills. They have been learning how to calculate percentages and also finding the best deals in various situations.

They loved sticking tape all over the tables, measuring angles using protractors and identifying the numerous different angles.



## **Our Island Home**



Students have recently learnt about just how big Australia really is! They have explored Australia's population and gained an understanding of where and why people live where they do. They

have further enhanced their mapping skills while exploring other countries and compared their climate and environment to ours. The students took a trip into space to learn how our place in the solar system makes life possible for humans. We then investigated the tilt of the Earth and how this creates climate zones around the world– the students loved exploring the etymology of the word Antarctica and learning that it means no bears!

The students found Australia's population sprawl fascinating and surprising. Looking at environments around the world using Google Earth and investigating the true size of a country using the Earth's curvature have definitely been highlights.



Students are now putting their learning into action and are designing their own island using what they have learnt.

## **Homework**

Please note that homework will continue throughout December and finish in the final week of school. Although it is the busy season, we encourage all students to keep up with their nightly reading, spelling and multiplication tables. We encourage this routine of nightly reading to continue throughout the holidays to continue to consolidate the student's skills and learning.

## **Important Dates**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Family Christmas Concert  
5:30pm dinner / 6:00pm start

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly of 2018 – 9am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day Term 4 – 1:30pm dismissal