What's On in 3/4?

Welcome to Grade 3/4 2022!

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and it has been lovely getting to know all of the students in our new classrooms. The students have impressively slipped into the school and classroom routines.

We enjoyed getting to meet the 3/4 families during Meet and Greets. If you need to speak to classroom teachers, please feel free to speak to us before school when the doors open at 8.45am or after school. If you would like to book a meeting, you can organise a time by emailing us through Compass. Please note that from 9am we will be teaching and can not meet. If your child has arrived at school after 9am and you have a message for the teacher, please see the office and they will pass the message onto the classroom teacher.

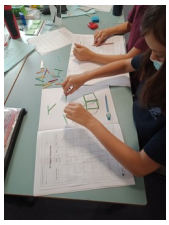
Literacy

Students have enjoyed exploring our first Mentor Text, The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy. We have revised reading strategies and have been investigating how deep questioning and making personal connections can help our understanding of a book.

In Writing we have been revising and using the Writer's Traits. Students have worked on using pictures and personal experiences to develop strong writing ideas. We have completed 'snapshot' writing tasks which encourage students to use word choice and sentence fluency to write a short, descriptive piece of work. The students have completed a piece of writing using a picture of their choice. This was portfolio task and will be sent out via Compass in the coming weeks.

We have begun revising the 5 spelling strategies to decode and check the spelling of unknown words. We encourage students to use these when decoding unknown words in their homework.

Numeracy



Students have been busy exploring numbers and shape throughout the beginning of Term 1. We began the term with units about Place Value and investigating the properties of odd and even numbers. Students have explored 2D and 3D shapes over the past two weeks and used this knowledge to create their own building.

Over the coming weeks, students will complete units on measurement and fractions. Completing hands on tasks at home, such as cooking can help reinforce these concepts with real life experiences and memories.

Inquiry

We began the term by completing lessons on 'The Wandin North Way'. Students completed group tasks identifying, explaining and acting out our school values as well as completed tasks that helped them share their own traits and get to know their new classmates.

Recently we began our unit 'The Game of Life' which involves looking at choices we make in everyday life. Students have explored their comfort zone and what it means to take a responsible, safe risk. In the coming weeks we will be looking at ways to say 'No' when they don't think the situation is a good idea or a safe choice. Later in the term, the students will investigate people who they think are an inspiration and explain why.

Homework

Homework has began in the 3/4 classes and students should be bringing home a weekly homework sheet. The sheet consists of personal spelling words, an area to document their daily reading and numeracy facts. Students are reminded to take books from school to read at home, however it is also okay for them to read books they already have at home.

If you have any questions about the homework or about reading books, please contact your classroom teacher.

Important Term 1 Dates

Monday 14th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
Sunday 20th March - Harvest Market
Thursday 31st March - School Photo Day
Friday 8th April - Last day of Term 1