

GRADE 3/4 NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
Monday 30th July	<i>Hands on Science Incursion</i>
21st–24th August	<i>Camp Coolamatong</i>
	<i>Swimming program</i>



Information

Welcome back to term 3. We hope you have enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another term of learning and exciting events.

We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's portfolios and were able to use it together with their reports for a better understanding of your child's achievements. Please remember to return your portfolios to your child's grade teacher.



This term our SCIENCE based Inquiry Topic is on "**Force and Movement**". Students will have the opportunity to explore all aspects of 'Force and Movement' in our everyday lives from our planned incursion with Hands on Science on Monday 30th of July.

Students from 3-6 will attend Camp Coolamatong (Situating in Paynesville, East Gippsland) Ms Clark has informed us that the children will be actively involved in a number of activities with a few surprise activities awaiting the students once they reach the campsite.

Students will continue to participate in sports clinics conducted by various sporting organisations through out the term.



Curriculum Overview

English

In Reading and Viewing students will be exploring comprehension strategies including Text Structures and Features, Questioning and Clarifying. They will also be discovering the text structures and features of Procedural and Information Texts.

In Writing, students will continue to investigate Procedural and Information texts while recording ideas in their Writers' Notebooks. They will investigate and record procedural texts and factual texts in line with our SCIENCE based topic, 'Force and Movement'. Students will continue to learn their Oxford Words and words taken from their own personal writing and our Inquiry topic. Spelling strategies will be highlighted through investigations and everyday learning.

Mathematics

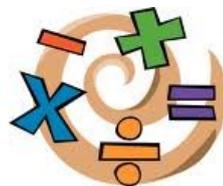
Students will be further developing their knowledge in the following strands: Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability .

In **NUMBER & ALGEBRA** students will be revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies.

In **MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY**, students will develop their skills in temperature, time, calendar, area and perimeter.

In **STATISTICS & PROBABILITY** students will be recording and reading data collected from science experiments. Student will hypothesise, discuss and analyse the results obtained from different science experiments they will be involved in.

Students will continue to develop their Problem Solving Strategies knowledge while completing Open Ended Tasks. They will be extending their Number and Place Value skills by recording their findings in different ways and reflecting in their Journals.



Inquiry Unit

Inquiry Topic for Term 3

"FORCE AND MOVEMENT"

This term grades 3 and 4 students will be looking at the SCIENCE topic of '**Force and Movement**'

Major topic Understandings:

Energy affects the forces and movements that occur in our lives and in everyday situations.

Focus Questions:

- What are the different types of forces? (man-made & natural)
- What are the actions that occur in everyday situations to create force and movement?
- How does force and movement affect the way we live?
- How does energy affect force and movement?
- Why do people design and conduct force and movement experiments?



We look forward to your continued support.

Many thanks from the Grade 3/4 Team.

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