

Year 3/4 Newsletter Term 1, Week 6

Welcome to Week 6

Welcome to week 6. It has been great to get into a routine and get stuck into all our units. The students are to be commended on their start to the year. They are all settled, getting to know the class routines and working hard to improve in their learning.

The students have been very focussed on their Literacy and Numeracy goal and are keen to show their growth.

Upcoming dates to remember

- Friday 15th March – Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Our class will be leading this Chapel service

The day will begin in the School Hall at 9.00am for Chapel, Classroom visits will occur from 9.30am and the day will conclude with Morning Tea in the School Hall at 11.00am.

If no one is available to attend for your child, please let us know so a special visitor can be arranged.

- Harmony Day – Thursday 21st March. Students are asked to wear an orange accessory to celebrate cultural awareness, the focus for this year's events is "Music brings us together". Remember to bring in the items listed in last week's newsletter as the students will be making a range of music instruments from around the world.

Weekly Reminders:

Monday

- Visual Arts – **Sports Uniform**

Tuesday

- Choir

Thursday

- German

Friday

- Chapel – 9am
- Library
- PE – **Sports Uniform**
- Assembly – 2.40pm

Sports Uniform to be worn on Monday and Fridays each week

WEEKLY FOCUS:

- Spelling – Year 3 focus – "ph" sound. Year 4 focus – "oa", "ow" and "o_e" sound.
- Grammar – Questioning
- Literacy Groups – students will be involved in a range of different Literacy activities while each group will be given a chance to work with myself on reading and comprehension skills.
- Writing – Persuasive writing – Students will be using their knowledge of how a Persuasive piece of writing is set out to write their own persuasive piece on their chosen Role Model.
- Maths – Addition skills – Jump strategy using number lines. Place Value – looking at the values of numbers.
- UOI – Role Models – we will begin looking at our Summative Assessment Task, students will be selecting a Role Model. They will produce a poster about this person and write a Persuasive piece of writing stating why think their Role Model is the best.
- Christian Studies – students will continue to look at the question 'Who is Jesus?' in their Christian Beliefs unit.

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WEEKLY FOCUS:

Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to the Parents and Friends who will be serving free pancakes at recess in celebration of Shrove Tuesday.

Class award winner

Congratulations to Charlotte Nietschke for being awarded the Year 3/4 class award this week. Charlotte has shown confidence in her learning this year and is taking more risks with wonderful results. She has also taken on a leadership role within the class. Great work Charlotte!



Unit of Inquiry – Plants

Last week we started to think about the School Vegetable Garden. This year we are taking charge of the garden as part of our year long unit of inquiry “Plants have certain requirements in order to grow and stay healthy”. We had a brainstorming session on what we thought we would need to do in order to prepare it for seeding. Through this brainstorm we also made a list of the different items we would need to do this.

- Students will need a pair of gardening gloves – could these be labelled (both). It would be appreciated if these could be brought to school as soon as possible.

If anyone is able to donate or lend us the following it would be greatly appreciated:

- Small shovels, spades or hoes
- Manure to mix in with the soil
- Pea straw once we have started seeding
- Any seeds or cuttings that we could plant

We are hoping to plant our first seeds on Grandparents and Special Friends day with some expertise helpers.

Yours in Christ

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