

Year 3/4 Newsletter Term 1, Week 9

Welcome to Week 9

This term has been a very busy one and it is not slowing down any time soon. The students have all been enthusiastic learners and have taken each challenge head on. It was wonderful to see the effort and time they all put into their Summative Assessment task on their chosen Role Model. Each student had a different role model with each poster completely different and unique. I really enjoyed getting to know about their chosen Role Model, they are all to be commended on their efforts.

Students really enjoyed the Harmony Day festivities last week. This is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It's a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from our traditional owners to those who've come from many countries around the world. The theme for this year was "Music brings us all together". It was great to see all the orange accessories in the yard. Students were very inquisitive and creative when making their musical instruments from around the world. These are on display in the Library if you would like a closer look.

This Tuesday is our Open Morning. The school will be open from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please let any prospective parents know about this day. We look forward to showcasing our wonderful school!

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 – soft "g". Year 4 – "n" for ng
- Grammar – Proper Nouns
- Writing – Narrative writing – language features and descriptive language used to make a narrative more interesting
- Maths – Subtraction – Jump strategy.
- UOI – Habitats – What is a habitat?, Vocabulary brainstorm.
- UOI – Plants – we are watering our vegetable garden and eagerly awaiting the first seeds growing.
- Christian Studies – students are investigating, exploring and discussing the identity, life and teaching of Jesus

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WEEKLY FOCUS:

Unit of Inquiry

We have begun our new Unit of Inquiry on Sharing the Planet, with the central idea, “Human activity affects animals and their habitats”. The lines of inquiry we will be looking at are – animals and their habitats; how human activity affects habitats and people’s responsibilities towards preserving habitats. The Learner Profile Attributes and Attitudes that we will be looking at are Caring, Principled, Appreciation and Respect. We will be using our Thinking Skills throughout this unit. The students have been very eager to discover more and are beginning to get very excited about our upcoming camp which will focus on this central idea.

Casual Day

This Friday the SRC are raising money for the Cancer Council through a casual day. Students are encouraged to dress up as a farmer, cowboy or cowgirl. Please bring in a gold coin donation. Looking forward to seeing many wonderful creations around the yard.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 2nd April – the Australian Army Band will be visiting our school from 1.00-1.30pm. This has been made possible through the funding for Drought Relief.
- Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th April – Year 3/4 camp to Monarto Zoo. **Payment of \$200 is due by this Friday 29th March.**
- Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April – Parent / Teacher interviews. Information went home last week about booking a time online. This is a valuable time to catch up to discuss your child’s progress and is the major part of assessment for Term 1.

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WEEKLY FOCUS:

Class Award winner

Congratulations to Imogen Noack who is the recipient of our class award for this week. Imogen is very Caring to her peers and teachers. She is also very Reflective in her learning where she strives to improve in all areas. Well done Imogen!

Ace Action Award

Congratulations to Nate Sauer for being recognised for the Ace Action award. Nate has been awarded this for empathising with others, being principled in following rules, using his manners and being reflective in his decision-making. Well done Nate!



Classroom Helpers

If you have any spare time, we would love some parents to come in and listen to the students read in our morning period. Any amount of time would be appreciated. If you are able to spare some time (there is no need to commit every week) please let me know.

Yours in Christ

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