

Year 3/4 Newsletter Term 1, Week 10

Welcome to Week 10

After many weeks of planning, we are finally here, Camp Week! I get just as excited as the children about going on camps. It is wonderful to see them all in a different environment and it is a great way to build a stronger relationship with them. Make sure to keep your Seesaw notifications on as I will keep you updated on what the children are up to while we are away. This will also be a great conversation starter also when they get home.

Before we go on camp, we have been inquiring into our central idea "Human activity affects animals and their habitats". On Tuesday we are booked in for an educational Skype session with Dr Jane Goodall. Jane is a world renowned scientist who specialises in animal conservation, and is regarded as the world's foremost expert on Chimpanzees. Before this session students will be inquiring into her life and work to get a better understanding of her before Tuesday. Students will also be given an opportunity to ask her questions. This should be an exciting experience and give the students a better understanding of animals before going on camp.

On Tuesday we are also fortunate enough to have the Australian Army Band perform for us. This has been made available through drought funding. This should be a fabulous performance. This will be taking place from 1.00-1.30pm in the hall.

Weekly Reminders:

Monday

- Visual Arts – **Sports Uniform**

Tuesday

- Choir

Wednesday - Friday

- Camp to Monarto Zoo

Sports Uniform to be worn on Monday

WEEKLY FOCUS:

- Spelling – Year 3 – wa for "wo" sound. Year 4 – soft "c".
- Grammar – short vowels
- Writing – Narrative writing – character descriptions and profiles.
- Maths – Mapping skills – looking at the Monarto Zoo map to get our bearings on where we are staying on camp.
- UOI – Habitats – Jane Goodall Skype Session.
- UOI – Plants – continuing to monitor our vegetable garden.
- Christian Studies – students are investigating, exploring and discussing the identity, life and teaching of Jesus

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Upcoming Dates

- 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. I look forward to seeing you all and discussing your child's progress.
- Our class will be leading chapel again next term on Friday 24th May. Hope you can all make it.

Camp Itinerary

Below is a brief description of what the students will be doing on camp:

Wednesday

- Leave St John's Lutheran School
- Recess at Sedan Football oval – getting to know you activities with Vineyard's students
- Arrive at Monarto Zoo – lunch, games and setting up essential agreement about expectations on camp
- Meet with Monarto Zoo Education Officer to begin program and hands on activities
- Set up of camp site and exploration of camp site.
- Nature activity with Zoo educator
- Dinner
- Challenge activity and night walk

Thursday

- African drumming wake up
- Breakfast and Mandala camp reflection
- Hands on activity with Education officer
- Safari Tour
- Free time around the Zoo
- Chimpanzee and Giraffe talk
- Dinner
- Sensory Trail and activities

Friday

- African drumming wake up
- Pack up
- Hands on activity
- Free time around the Zoo
- Lunch at Mt Pleasant Bakery
- Arrive back at St John's approximately 2.30pm

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Class Award winner

Congratulations to Ruby Preston for being our class award recipient for last week. Ruby has been reflective in her learning, striving to improve and staying focussed on the task. Well done Ruby!



Casual Day

It was wonder to see so many farmers and cowboy / cowgirls around the school last Friday for our Casual Day. Thank you for bringing in your gold coin donation, this money will be go to the Cancer Council.

A Day in the Dirt

On Saturday 6th April a free Community event will be held at Robertstown Oval to support Drought affected families. Our choir will be singing, with many of our year 3/4 students involved. It should be a fun filled day with entertainment, food and a variety of drought support services available. Gates open at 5.00pm.

Clean up Australia Day

Our school will be involved in Clean up Australia Day on Wednesday 10th April. We will be cleaning up around the yard and school.

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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