



3/4 2019

# TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. This term will be jam packed with exciting learning adventures for all the students and we are looking forward to seeing the students grow in confidence both academically and personally. Even though it is early days, it is great to see the students' individual personalities showing through and their enthusiasm for learning is already shining in the classroom. We have spent the first few days establishing a positive learning culture in our room, exploring how having a growth mindset can help each and everyone reach their potential, and setting the framework for a collaborative and successful year.



## TERM OVERVIEW

The following is the term overview for the Grade 3/4s this term:

### Learning to Learn

Our 'Learning to Learn' unit will allow the students to discover how they learn best and set up the yearly routines, as well as learning how to work together as a classroom unit. The unit provides activities that see the students reflect upon their strengths and what makes them individuals. We are focussing on helping the students develop and maintain a growth mindset, so that they understand that with persistence all of them can embrace challenges and improve achievement. Another important part of the 'Learning to Learn' unit is for the students to think about and set achievable goals.

### English

In Reading, we have been setting up a reading community in our classrooms. The students will learn about finding 'good fit' books, using their book boxes, predicting, identifying interesting vocabulary and using prior knowledge to make connections with the texts they are reading. During Writer's Workshop sessions, the principles of VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation) will be revisited and the children will be focussing on the text types of Recount and Narrative writing. We will be revisiting the fundamentals of punctuation and focusing upon correct sentence structure during grammar lessons. The students will be given many opportunities to practise their oral speaking skills through daily activities and the presentation of their work to their peers.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Parent Information Evening**

Tuesday 12th of February.

### **House Athletics**

Wednesday 6th March

### **Cross Country**

Tuesday 26th March

### **Cyber Safety Day**

Wednesday 27th February

### **Labour Day Public Holiday**

Monday 11th March

### **Pupil Free Day**

Tuesday 12th of March

### **Three Way Conferences**

Tuesday 2nd April

### **Bullying 'No-Way' Day**

Friday 15th March

### **Harmony Day**

Thursday 21st March

### **End Term 1**

Friday 5th April

### **NAPLAN**

Tues 14th - Thurs 16th May

### **Grade 3/4 Camp Week**

Camp 1

Mon 26th - Weds 28th August

Camp 2

Weds 28th - Fri 30th August

## Inquiry

The Inquiry unit for this term is unit called 'Celebrations and Commemorations'. Students will focus on the significant days and weeks celebrated or commemorated within Australia and other places around the world.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will begin by laying the foundations for a successful year by revising and extending students' knowledge of place value, followed by the four operations.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday the 12th of February we will be having an information session for the parents of students in Grade 3/4s. Please attend this important session as we will be giving an overview how things run in the classroom and answering questions that you may have.

## UNIFORM

A reminder that the school uniform is compulsory for all students. This includes black school shoes. Runners are permissible when students are participating in PE and sport, and to changing into for recess and lunch times. Sun hats are also compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.

## BYOD CHROMEBOOK PROGRAM

Students in Grade 3 and upwards all use a device on a daily basis to support their learning in the classroom. From 2017 Chromebooks were introduced to the school through the BYOD program, and have been successfully integrated into the students' learning in many different ways. Students in Grade 3 will shortly receive information about how they will be able to purchase a device through the school for use this year. You will also receive the required specifications should you wish to purchase a device from a retailer.

Please help your child to get in the habit of charging their Chromebook each night and ensure they pack their chargers in their school bag.

As the Chromebooks are an essential learning tool we ask that any distracting games, music, widgets etc. are kept to a minimum.

## 3/4A CLASS AGREEMENT

- I will move safely around the classroom
- I will treat others with care, respect and honour.
- I will be helpful to others.
- I will speak at a volume that is appropriate for the activity.
- I will be organised, and keep our classroom clean.
- I will come to school with a smile, and a positive attitude.



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## 3/4B CLASS RULES

- We are always behaving in a safe manner
- We show fantastic teamwork skills
- We always treat people how we would like to be treated
- We always do our best and be confident in our work
- We always listen carefully to our teachers and our peers
- Last but not least.....**WE HAVE FUN**

## 3/4C CLASS PLEDGE

**3/4C 2019**



In this grade:

We are a **TEAM**

We **RESPECT** each other

We take **RISKS** with our learning and learn from our **MISTAKES**

 We do our **BEST** and try **NEW THINGS**

We are **KIND** and **HELPFUL**

We are **RESPONSIBLE**



We **WORK HARD** and **LAUGH OFTEN**

## 3/4D CLASS RULES

- Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- Always listen to the teachers and classmates.
- Be responsible for your own property.
- Eat your own healthy foods.
- Respect your classmates by keeping your hands to yourself.
- Tell the truth always.

# MEET THE TEACHERS



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## 3/4A- EMMA BATES

This is my third year at Mitcham Primary School, and I'm very excited to be back in the 3/4 level again!

### FAVOURITE THINGS

Subject: Maths  
Colour: Green  
Food: Lasagne and Dumplings  
Hobby: Reading, Board Games and Travelling

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## 3/4B- TARA BUCKLE

This is my first year at Mitcham Primary School. I'm extremely excited to be part of the Grade 3/4 team and I am looking forward to a spectacular year.

### FAVOURITE THINGS

Subject: Literacy  
Colour: Yellow  
Food: Pho, BBQ & Chocolate  
Hobby: Swimming, Reading, Crosswords

## 3/4C- DEB WILLIAMSON

I am very happy to be the team leader for the 3/4 level again and working with the rest of the team to give your children a fantastic year of learning!

### FAVOURITE THINGS

Subject: English and Maths  
Colour: Blue/purple  
Food: Thai (and chocolate!)  
Hobbies: Being on the beach, walking, reading, travelling and experiencing new things.

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## 3/4D- JESS YUEN

This is my fourth year at Mitcham Primary School, and this year's Grade 3/4 is going to be amazing!

### FAVOURITE THINGS

Subject: Science & Art  
Colour: Lilac purple  
Food: Japanese food  
Hobby: Pottery, travelling, crafting things & snowboarding



Left to right: Tara Buckle, Jess Yuen, Emma Bates, Deb Williamson

## GRADE 3/4 CAMP

This year the Grade 3 and 4 students have the opportunity to attend a camp at the eco-friendly Narmbool Lodge, near Ballarat. Here they will participate in environment discovery programs, such as, animal and plant identification, bushwalking, orienteering and navigation, Indigenous cultural discovery, as well as visiting Sovereign Hill. Due to the limited accommodation at the lodge the camp will be split in two. Camp 1 will run from 26th to 28th August and Camp 2 will run from 28th to 30th August. For more information go to [www.sovereignhill.com.au/narmbool](http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/narmbool).

More detailed information about the camp, including the initial deposit and which camp your child will attend will be sent home later in the term.