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Term 3 Overview

TR1, TR5, TR6 Year 3 Mertz Building



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Welcome to term three. We hope to have a positive and rewarding term working together on interesting and innovative learning activities.

Our classes will continue to work in a variety of ways with the rest of the school. We will also work with the other straight and mixed year three and four classes. We will do this as individual classes, in small groups and as a large cohort for a variety of activities.

The following is our overview for this term and it should be noted that, it is flexible, as individual student/class needs may require modifications to best suit our learning intentions.

English

Our focus this term will be on report and explanation writing genres. This will include exploring, developing and writing our own texts to share. Through this, we will be looking at structure, spelling, grammar and appropriate punctuation. We are lucky enough to have Sofia, Gloria and Felecia, our EALD teachers, working with us to support better quality work for our students.

As part of the whole school reading agreement, we will continue to work through the skills of being good readers and develop greater reading, with a focus on comprehension. We will be practicing these skills in our daily reading activities. Our students use visualisation, summarising and determining importance in their reading at home. In class, we will revisit and explore these and the other skills in detail with increasingly more complex texts.

Students will continue to practice and improve their spelling by using appropriate strategies and self-checking to identify and correct errors. We are also using the skills of good listeners to listen to others and give constructive feedback that is respectful and useful.

Mathematics

In mathematics, this term, our focus is on measurement, number and solving problems using efficient strategies. Students will continue to develop addition and multiplication recall skills for single-digit numbers as well as number patterns involving addition and subtraction.

Our maths lessons have two main styles; regular maths games to build skill and speed as well as our daily maths lessons incorporating efficient problem solving strategies.

Special Events

This term we have many special events planned. Please make sure to check out our school calendar to book in these days.

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Important Dates:

Term 3 begins
23rd July

Book week
Dress-up Parade
9am 24th August

Grand Parents/STEM Day
30th August

School Closure
31st August

Swimming:
Justin: Week 7
Vira: Week 7
Steve: Week 8
(week 7 or 8 to be confirmed)

Sports Day
21st September

End of Term
28th September
2pm dismissal
Gold Coin Casual Day

Other Learning Areas

In Science we are exploring chemical science and will investigate the change of state between a solid and liquid, caused by adding or removing heat. Students will predict, collect and record observations and suggest possible reasons for their findings.

HASS subjects will take a secondary focus as we finish off and finalise our term two investigations.

STEM

Students have the opportunity to work in the new STEM building on Digital and Design Technology projects. Design Technology lessons will reflect specific areas under investigation using engineering strategies. Students will explore different STEM based activities at Grandparent day

Extra Curricula Activities

Many of our students are participating in the Oliphant Science Awards and are working on their projects during lunchtime in Tr1 every Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone will have an opportunity to see the finished projects on Grandparents/STEM day in the Mobarra Room.

S.A Schools in Space activities will re-start in September during lunchtimes in TR1 every Wednesday and Thursday until the end of term.

We look forward to working with you, in making this another positive and powerful term of learning and development for your child.

Kind regards,

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