

Year 3/4 Times

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NEWS THIS TERM

In news this term, Year 3 students sit their first NAPLAN tests, Skooville introduces and reintroduces students to cyber safety, the potatoes hit the track! All this and more in this hearty 2016 first edition of the 3/4 Times. Your teachers of Year 3 and 4, *Dyon Hunt, Sasha Guy and Anne McGregor, Karla Bower, Karin Moorhouse and Carlie Eriksen.*

Time to talk to your teacher.....

Just a friendly reminder to parents; the morning is a busy time. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, they are available before school at 8:45am, however when the bell goes the teachers need to be out supervising their grade at the line straight away. You can always use Tiqbiz to send a message to the teacher or send an email to the office, which will be passed on.

Year 3 / 4 Sport is run every Monday afternoon with its purpose being to help students get active. It's also a stepping stone for the Year 4 students, who will be participating in many of the same sports during inter-school sports next year. Last term we completed our Athletics training, which included hurdles, triple jump, 100 mt sprint and shot put. Mondays is the day for students to wear their runners!

NAPLAN is approaching for the Year 3's and we have started our preparations. Students have completed NAPLAN practice tests for homework. Strategies are being discussed in class, questions answered and students have had the opportunity to try timed practice tests. These same strategies and understandings can be applied to many other areas of their regular learning: working through questions, narrative and persuasive writing and how to apply their knowledge efficiently when problem solving are three such examples.

The dates for **NAPLAN** are:

Tuesday 10th May: Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 11th May: Reading

Thursday 12th May: Numeracy

The PFA are organising a special platter before each test for the students to eat which includes fruit and muffins.

HOMEWORK

Reminder: Year 3 homework is due every Friday and Year 4 on Monday. This includes completion of a set weekly task, Mathematics tasks, spelling words and reading.

JUST GET ACTIVE

Did you know we participate in JGA daily? This program covers warm-ups, strengthening exercises, aerobics, flexibility & mindfulness. It is a great school program which builds emotional and physical fitness.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 13th May students will be participating in the Years 3-6 House Cross Country competition. Students have been eagerly training each Tuesday morning during our fitness session. It has been extremely pleasing to see the improved levels of strength, stamina, and enthusiasm for fitness from all the students in Years 3 and 4.



SKOOVILLE: POPULAR TEACHER OF CYBER SAFETY

This term, Year 3 students will be introduced (and Year 4 students reintroduced!) to a social website and learning tool called *Skooville*. A letter and permission slip has been sent home last term. We encourage you to take time to read and look at the *Skooville* website. The first few lessons focus on being safe online – setting safe and memorable passwords and being discreet with personal information. They will then proceed to learning how to conduct group conversations and begin to set up their own personal web pages.

Username and passwords will remain at school until teachers feel they have taught enough aspects of the program, after which they will be sent home to access *Skooville*. While there are trusted moderators supervising *Skooville* users at all times, any home user should be *doubly careful* that they are following the rules if they choose to go on outside the school environment.

Skooville is a terrific first step in the ever-changing world of social cyberspace. www.skooville.com

Inquiry Learning.....

Year 3's are investigating the
Central idea: **There are common basic needs for survival but not everyone has their basic needs met.**

Year 4's are investigating the
Central idea: **Sustainable interaction between the natural world and human societies is essential for survival.**

POTATO OLYMPICS is coming...



This term the students will be responsible for caring for an Olympic potato. The purpose of Potato Olympics is to replicate the concept of the Olympic games for students and use the experience as a teaching opportunity in Maths. Each student receives their own Potato Olympian and serves as their coach throughout the games. Each Olympian is given a name, a country and a biography written by their student coach. An opening ceremony will be held to provide the students an opportunity to present and report on their Olympian. Unlike in the real Olympics, Potato Olympians participate in all events. Some of the events include:

Javelin Throw -- Coaches throw plastic straws on behalf of their Olympians and measure the distance.

Running - Olympians are rolled for distance through a marked area.

Diving - Olympians are dropped by their coaches into a bucket of water and water displacement is measured.

Who will be awarded the medals?

GARDEN CLASSES

Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time to fill the Garden Helper's roster. We value your time and love sharing our garden class with you. The students have been busy planting, harvesting, cooking and sharing food from the garden. They have cooked rainbow chard stir fry and potato frittatas. Next week they will be making homemade ricotta in pastry parcels. They have also collected the eggs daily from the chooks! Has your child shared their experiences in garden with you? Ask them to tell you!



Working in a group.....

Working cooperatively as part of a team requires the individuals to be able to be competent in presenting their own ideas and listening to those of others, approaching topics from different viewpoints, and understanding their specific role and responsibilities in relation to those of others and the overall team goal. We have been and will be practising these interpersonal skills in various learning opportunities this term.

