

# YEAR 3 & 4 NEWS

Term 3 Newsletter

24th July 2017

## Welcome Back for Term 3!

The students have already settled in beautifully and are ready for a jam-packed and exciting term of learning!

## Inquiry

Our students have already begun tuning in to our Term 3 Inquiry Units which are based around Where We Are In Time And Place. This will see students looking into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilisations from local and global perspectives.

Year 3 students are investigating Koori Culture. The central idea of their inquiry is that Australia has a strong aboriginal culture which has a deep connection to the land.

Year 4 students are investigating Explorers—Destination Australia. The central idea of their inquiry is that exploration leads to discoveries, opportunities, change, and new beginnings.

## Term Four Year 3 and 4 Camp

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming Year 3 and 4 Camp in term four!

Please note the dates for Camp in your diary - Wednesday 1st of November to Friday 3rd November.

Camp is soon approaching and before you know it the Year 3 and 4 students will be away enjoying a fun filled three days of activities. This year the Year 3 and 4 students are off to Philip Island and offers excellent facilities to ensure a great time for both students and teachers to relax and have some fun. There are a mix of challenging, achievable, creative, individual and teamwork activities for the students to participate in. Forms will be sent home in early Term 4.

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons at Huntingtower School begin in Week 3 - please see the dates listed in the table below. Students will need to bring their bathers, goggles, towel, thongs and a plastic bag to put wet items into. A Brush and comb are optional. Swimming Caps will be provided. Please ensure that clothing is labelled. Swimming can make the students hungrier than normal so you might want to have an extra snack packed on swimming days!

Swimming Schedule:

Year 3 - Year 6	August – 1,4,8,10,15,17,22,24	Carnival Day September 4
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## Coming up:

- ◆ Fri 28th July: Year 3 Museum Excursion .
- ◆ Tues 1st August: ICAS English
- ◆ Tues 1st August: Swimming Lessons Commence
- ◆ Tues 15th August: ICAS Maths
- ◆ Tues 15th and Wed 16th August: 3-Way Conferences (after school)
- ◆ Fri 1st September: Fathers Day Stall
- ◆ Friday 1st September: Grade 4 Captains and Convicts Incursion
- ◆ Mon 4th September: Swimming Carnival
- ◆ Wed 6th September: MADD Week/Book Week
- ◆ Fri 8th September: Book Parade
- ◆ Fri 22nd September: Footy Colours Day

## Reading

In Year 3 and 4, we follow the Literacy CAFÉ program which focuses on assisting students to develop strategies for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expand Vocabulary. Students practise these explicitly taught skills when reading during independent reading sessions and small group sessions. Students are encouraged to independently read books borrowed from the classroom library, school library or any books they want to bring from home.



**Can you help?** Do you have any old child-appropriate magazines or newspaper clippings that children might find interesting lying around at home? We are looking to broaden the range of reading material available for our students. If you can help, please drop these off to your class teacher.

## Spelling Bee

In the coming weeks, the Year 3 and 4 students will begin preparations for the upcoming 2017 Spelling Bee! Each class will hold its own spelling competition and two students will be selected from each class to participate in the grand final.

## Pen Licenses

The Year 4 students have been practising their handwriting very carefully throughout the year, with the goal of obtaining their Pen License. Pen Licenses are very exciting and special as they allow the holder of the license to use pen for their work instead of a pencil. Pen licenses and pens are given out to individual students from term three onwards when they can demonstrate very neat handwriting.

## ICT

The Year 3 and 4 students have been using Skooville throughout the year in their ICT lessons. Skooville is a government approved exciting and educational safe social network for children, which helps them to learn about cyber safety, communicating with each other, form interest clubs, play games, learn about financial responsibility and learn the rules of sociable and acceptable online behaviour.

This term, the Year 3 students will begin to learn about Coding with BeeBots!

## Garden

3M is on chook duty this term! This means they are responsible for checking the water, the feed and collecting the eggs each day. Students use the eggs for cooking in our terrific garden kitchen. Our Parkhill chooks get the best care!



## Book Parade

Book Parade is coming up on Friday 8th of September! This gives the students the opportunity to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book to celebrate reading. You can even dress up as a group with your friends! Here are some ideas for costumes:

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears, or any other fairy tale character
- Thing 1 and Thing 2 from Dr Seuss
- Harry Potter, Ron and Hermione
- Greg from Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Matilda from the Roald Dahl book of the same name
- A Mr Men or Little Miss character

If you're stuck for inspiration, pick up a book or search "Book Parade Costumes" on the internet, there are so many ideas out there!

## Reminders

**Homework:** Homework is due every Monday.

**Timestables:** The expectation is by the end of Year 3, students should know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. By Year 4, students need to know all their 10 x 10 times tables. Parents can help by listening to and testing their child in the car or a set time each day.

**Nude Food:** We are a nude food school. You can help us to keep our school clean by packing lunch and playlunch without wrappers.