

General

* **Pencil Cases** – A small desk size pencil case is preferred to house basic essentials. A larger pencil case can then be used to house all textas, pencils etc. Please encourage students to keep extra pencil cases, boxes, gel pens etc. at home so that there is space left in tubs for other work/items. **Less is best in our tubs**

* **SAKG (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden)** program is on Thursday for 3/4 students. Students participate in this program with their home group every second week for 3 periods. Miss Heil's home group will commence on Thursday, February 15th and Miss Conning's home group will commence on Thursday, February 22nd. **Students do not need to bring their lunch to school on SAKG days as they eat lunch in the kitchen**

* **Physical Education**- Sports shoes/sneakers can be worn to school on Wednesdays and Thursdays for PE classes

Staffing

Mr Darren Gill (Gilly) - Junior Team Leader
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Miss Belinda Conning (Monday – Thursday)
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3/4 Overview Term 1 - 2018

This brochure includes general information about how our 3/4 classes will operate in 2018. It will be useful to keep on hand so that you can check contact details and important dates at a glance. More detailed information will be given at our Information Evening.

IMPORTANT 3/4 DATES:

14.02.18	6:45pm - Information Night
12.03.18	Labour Day public holiday
23.02.18	Student Free Day
16.03.18	House Athletics
28.03.18	Interviews (3:30 – 6:00)
29.03.18	Interviews (9:00 – 1:30)
25.04.18	ANZAC Day public holiday
15-17.05.18	NAPLAN (Year 3 Students)
Term 4	Kangarooobie & Bimbi Park Camps

* Keep an eye on the school news sheet for other important dates

Compass

* We will use Compass emailing to send out reminders, some notes and curriculum updates. You will not need to access these through the Compass portal, you will just need to ensure that the general office has your most up-to-date email address

* Compass will also be used to track behaviour and achievements and to give regular learning updates. You will need to login to check these.

* Many parents have been using Compass to approve or notify us of absences and we encourage all families to use this system.





Reminders and Updates

Diary Use

- * ***Please ensure that diary and pouch are returned to school EVERY day***
- * ***Check diary regularly for updates. Students will write important events and messages into their own diary***
- * Home reading is to be recorded on the left-hand side of the diary (see 'Reading' section)
- * Students will use the right hand side to write class messages/events (please leave this clear for classroom use)
- * Please use the 'Communication' section for communications specific to reading or spelling and use email or teacher meetings for other communications

Reading

- * Students will be guided to choose new books as they need them. We will aim to ensure that each student has two books in their pouch at a time so that they continue reading if a book is finished at home.
- * Please encourage your child to return and then select new books as they are completed. This is a much different routine for our Year Three students and will take some getting used to.
- * If students are reading books from home, please ensure that they are in their reading pouch so that teachers can keep up to date with each student's reading and books can be continued during class reading times
- * Please write in/record all home reading or teach your child to do this themselves. Book title and number of pages read each day should be written in
- * Any reading on weekends can be written in the 'Timetables' section of the diary or in the weekend spaces on the right hand page
- * ***Our minimum expectation for reading is 5 days per week for approximately 20 minutes***
- * ***Reading to an adult is also encouraged at least 2-3 times per week (especially in Year 3). Students could read aloud for 10 mins before reading independently for the remainder of their time***

Spelling

- * Personal spelling will commence in Week 5 (Term 1)
- * All junior staff will use the SMART spelling approach this year. This method follows "a simple routine, so students could have different amounts of words and words of different complexity, but they all still have the same spelling pattern. So one student might be learning the word 'rain' and another the word 'contain' but they're both still been taught the digraph /ai/." <https://www.michellehutchison.com.au/>
- * The SMART spelling approach will enhance your child's etymology (understanding of word origins) and broaden their vocabulary and meaning, rather than pushing them up to more difficult and misunderstood words
- * ***Once spelling commences, daily practise of words is recommended***

Maths

- * Year 3 Maths – Scarlett Heil
- * Year 4 Maths - Belinda Conning (Leeanne Marriner - Fridays)
- * Homework will be topic/need specific and the format of homework will change from week to week. It may consist of worksheets, games or mental maths/times tables practice
- * Maths homework will commence in Term 2. Keep an eye on your emails for updates about current topics

Behaviour

- * A new rewards/incentives system is now evolving in the Yellow Room – Super Hero Credits
- * Ask your child to explain this system to you and further explanation will be given at the Information Night
- * Assemblies will be held in the Leisure Centre every second Monday at 8:50. Values and achievements will be discussed and celebrated during this time