

Year 3

TERM 1 OVERVIEW 2018

Welcome back to school for 2018! A very special welcome to students and their families joining us at St Greg's for the first time this year.

Curriculum Outline

Religious Education

This term, students will be learning about:

Yr 3 – Our Image of God

Students are encouraged to develop an image of God that is personal and relevant to them.

English – Persuasive and Narrative Texts

During English, and in preparation for NAPLAN in Term 2, students will be examining the structure and the features of persuasive and narrative texts. Students will have the opportunity to read and write about various topics. They will continue to read a variety of texts. Spelling consists of student-centred spelling lists and strategies that relate to the spelling rule of the week.

Maths

Throughout this term, students will be developing skills in:

Place value for multi-digit numbers, strategies for counting in multiples and completing mental calculations of addition and subtraction, using common fractions in everyday contexts, and solving problems, measuring length and area with standard units, recognising and naming 2D shapes and 3D objects and working with a variety of graphs.

Science – Feathers, Fur and Leaves

This term we will be learning about living and non-living things and learning about the world around us, diversity of life and how species are related throughout history.

Creative Arts

Aspects of Visual Arts will be incorporated into our Integrated Units. Students will experiment with techniques in painting and drawing to create particular effects. In Dance, students will be composing and appreciating various styles of dance.

PD/H/PE

Physical Education – Skills for Sport: Gross Motor, ball skills and dance & Gymnastics (weeks 2-9).

Health – Keeping themselves and others safe as pedestrians and passengers when they ride and skate.

Personal Development – Setting goals, self-discipline and self-assessment, contributing positively to a community of learners.

Sport

3R, 3G – Tuesdays

3B – Wednesdays

3W – Thursdays

Mr Maloney is our specialist Sport teacher

Gymnastics

All classes - Tuesday

Italian

This year the children will continue to development their knowledge of the Italian of the language Mrs Lorena Nesa.

Home Readers

Home reader days to be advised. Please return your child's reading folder each borrowing day TBC.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 7 Feb – Parent Information Evening 6pm, 6:30pm (ALL parents to 3 Blue)

Friday 9th Feb – Swimming Carnival Years 3-6, Queanbeyan Pool

Wednesday 14 Feb – Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am

Friday 16 Feb- Northern Regions Swimming Carnival Yass

5th-8th March – Parent Teacher interviews

13th April - Last Day of Term 1

Monday 30 April – Judith Locke is a clinical psychologist and former teacher who specialises in parenting and child wellbeing – Parent Evening

Please keep an eye out for notes or notices in the newsletter with other events and important information.

Homework

St Gregory's Homework Policy_ students are expected to spend a maximum of 20-30 minutes, 4 nights a week on homework in Year 3. Homework activities will include regular reading, practise of spelling words and a variety of literacy and numeracy tasks to reinforce classroom learning. This will begin in week 3. Also in Week 3, students will receive their login details for Studyladder. This is an excellent resource for extending your child's knowledge. Our home learning policy states you may choose to opt out of homework for your child. A form is available upon request from your child's teacher.

Library (Monday is Library Day for all Year 3 classes)

Mrs Melissa Greentree is our Librarian and she will be teaching the student's research and literature skills. She will also assist students with borrowing books. We also ask that each student provides a set of headphones to be kept at school to use in the computer lab in the library.

Music

Mrs McFaul is our specialist Music teacher. Lessons are on the following days:

3W - Wednesdays

3R – Tuesdays

3B – Tuesdays

3G – Wednesdays

Other Information

- We have “**Munch 'n' Crunch**” every day. The students are encouraged to bring in fruit or vegetables to eat at this time. Whatever the choice, a student's Munch 'n' Crunch should be suitable to nibble on whilst working at their desk, without making a mess.
- Please supply a box of **tissues, wet wipes, hand sanitiser and paper towels** for classroom.
- Children are encouraged to have a **water bottle** on their desk during the school day (water only please).
- The school has a **'No school hat, no play' policy**. If your child has left their hat at home, they will be required to play in a shaded area.
- For art lessons, we ask that you provide a **smock or old shirt** paint in.
- Please also save your **egg cartons, takeaway (Chinese) or pre-packaged salad containers**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email your child's classroom teacher.

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Teaching Team: 3Blue- Miss Nicola Althaus 3Gold – Miss Jessica Musgrave, 3Red- Mrs Karen Mahony, 3White - Mrs Sybil Busby
Leadership Team

Ms Claire Frazer (Principal), Mrs Erin Taylor (Assistant Principal), Mrs Kate McManus Green (REC),
Mr Garreth Wigg (Primary Coordinator), Mrs Valerie Sheehan (Curriculum Coordinator), Mr Ben Mockler (Primary Coordinator).