



Grade 3/4 team Newsletter

Term 1

2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2009. This year in the 3/4 level we have 2 Studios and 2 single classrooms operating. Mrs Shelley Leahy and Mr Matthew Roberts join our team so we look forward to an exciting time working together with them, and you and your children.

Please contact us anytime if you have any queries or concerns.

DATES

February 9th - 13th 3/4 Swimming
February 13th - Whole school performance: "Historical Tales"
February 26th - Hello / Film Night
February 27th - Clean Up Australia Day
March 18th & 19th - Student/ Parent/Teacher discussions
March 27th & 28th - 120 years Celebration
March 29th - School Fete
April 3rd - Term 1 ends

Literacy

Reading, writing, speaking and listening will be covered each day in the 2 hour literacy block. In writing the emphasis will be on recounts, narratives and report writing. In class we will work on the CARS program which involves the 12 reading strategies to assist with comprehension.

Students are expected to read at home regularly and have their reading record signed. It would also be great if you could assist with the learning of their spelling words which should come home on Mondays ready for testing on Fridays.



Maths

This term in Numeracy students will work on place value and mental computation. They will also be given many opportunities to improve their use of calendars, timetables and clock times. They will work on location and grid reference activities and be introduced to simple fractions. You can help your child at home by regularly talking with them about everyday things involving time, maps, TV guides, sharing equally among family members, etc.



Integrated Studies

During this term we will study "Solids, Liquids and Gases." Students will look at the relationship and importance of these in our daily lives. We plan to carry out experiments to show changes of state and identify the differences between reversible and irreversible changes.

We will also be studying "It's About Time." In this unit we will look at how things have changed over time due to changes in values, human needs and resources. The important links between school, home and the community should become clear. This is in readiness for the exciting 120 year Celebration of Haslem Street Primary School at the end of March.

Performing Arts

Hello and Happy New Year to the grade 3 /4 families. This term in P.A. the children will work with me for an hour a week. We will be developing the items for our concert and continuing to build on the students co operation and confidence skills. At this level we try to involve the students in creating their own concert items in a linking script. Please ask your children why it will be about history (the past).

I am always grateful for parent assistance in the lead up to concerts so please send a note along if you have an interest in helping in any way (make- up, costumes, back stage, dance instruction).

**We are also looking forward to experiencing the visiting performance: Historical Tales on Friday Feb 13th.
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Physical Education

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and welcome students, parents and staff back to the school for what promises to be an exciting new year.

PE for this term:

This term Grades 3 & 4 will be participating in modified basketball.

Students need to wear their hats in all sessions and wear footwear that is supportive. Please ensure that your child wears sunscreen to school as we are entering a very hot period ahead. Bring a water bottle that has been in the freezer as students tire easily outside and we encourage them to have lots of drinks when necessary.

**Matthew Roberts
Physical Education Teacher**

**The 3 /4 Team: Chris Oxford,
Shelley Leahy, Kate Matthews,
Benita Chard, Kate Whitford,
Daryll Wegmann, Audrey Bowles.**

Visual Arts

This term students will be covering the areas of drawing, painting and collage using a variety of techniques. They are starting with activities about themselves followed by some 'Olden Days' art. There will be a display of children's art as part of the 120 year celebration of Haslem St School.

The art room would be grateful for the donation of calendars, margarine containers, foil containers, meat trays and cardboard cylinders.

**Thank you,
Christine Anderson**



Important—Children need to drink more water

When we don't water plants they wilt. When we don't provide water for pets they grow tired and complain. When children don't drink enough water it can affect their ability to learn, play and feel well. Drinking water prevents dehydration, which can affect concentration, cause headaches and constipation.

Drinking tap water is the best drink for thirst.

Parent Tip: Enable children to help themselves to tap water at home and provide them with a drink bottle to bring to school. Your child may wish to decorate their bottle so they know it belongs to them.

**Matthew Roberts
Physical Education Teacher**