



## Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bidjegal people of the Eora Nation.

I acknowledge that for thousands of years they have lived on and cared for the lands, skies and waterways.

Their dreaming is deep in the soil, rivers, oceans and wind holding the histories, lores, language and knowledge of this Country.

I extend my respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today and highlight their continued, unbroken connection to Countries.



# Meet the Teacher Ms Heather Noonan

- Teaching at SSPS for 11 years
- Majority of that time spent teaching infants
- Was relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1 (2020)
- Literacy trainer for 3 years (2018-2020)
- Currently classroom teacher of Year 3.
   This being my second year on Year 3

## School Info

#### Stage 2 Teachers are:

- 3/4K Mr Matthew Knight AP
- 3N Ms Heather Noonan
- 3P Mrs Amber Pontifex.
- 4C Mr Jeremy Cox
- 4D Mrs Kate Dobosz
- 4T Mrs Deborah Toman



# **Specialist Teachers**

- Mrs. Holmes Teacher-Librarian
- Mrs. Kovanis, Mrs Koureas, Mrs Elia and Mrs. Karantonis (French)— Language teachers
- Mrs. Hawkins Art Teacher
- Mrs McCrindle and Mr Lowe Stage 2 Learning Support Teachers

### **Expectations for Student Learning**

Developing sound work habits

Encouraging students to become independent workers

Accepting responsibility for their behaviour

Literacy – writing/comprehension

Numeracy – terminology/problem solving/mental strategies

## Stage 2 Topics

- Term 1: Community and Remembrance -(History / English Unit Aboriginal perspective)
- Term 2: Science Unit Smooth Moves Robotics
- **Term 3:** First Contact (History / English Unit Aboriginal perspective)

Term 4: Science Unit - Living World

#### **Key Notes**

 HSIE includes the History Syllabus and the Geography units

#### Literacy Lessons:

- 3 x Modelled Reading linked to HSIE / Science topics
  - The focus is on 'Reading to Learn'
- 3 x Guided Reading sessions includes:
  - Spelling Activities
  - o Blue Box
  - Reading / working with the teacher
- 5 x 5 minutes independent reading (DEAR)
- 3 x writing sessions usually linked to HSIE / Science topic, free choice and stimulus-based writing
- 2x spelling lessons/ testing

#### **Mathematics Lessons:**

- 4 x Mathematics sessions
- Lessons from Google Classroom following a Stage based Scope and Sequence
- Teacher differentiates lessons appropriately for students.

#### **CAPA Groups**

 On Thursday 2:15pm afternoon – Year 3 Choir and Recorder (dependent on Covid), other CAPA activities

#### **Technology:**

- iPads/ laptops in Reading Groups
- Stage 2 classes will complete several activities that will usually be assigned via Google Classroom including Coding activities.

#### Languages

- Tuesday 12:05pm: 1 hour Greek and French
- Friday 1:05pm: 2nd hour of Greek ONLY

#### Sports in School is on Monday:

- The Sport in Schools Athletics Program teaches each stage
- They also tailor activities to individual ability and syllabus outcome requirements by differentiating activities.
- All the teachers are fully qualified PDHPE trained, or Athletics Coach accredited.
- STUDENTS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM

#### Sport and Assembly are on Friday

- Students must wear sports uniform, sneakers and a hat.
- Currently holding trials for Winter PSSA sports-Netball, Soccer, Oztag
- Students who do not participate in PSSA will participate in school sport
- 2 Merit awards and a Values award each week.
- 2 Quality Work Awards every second week.

#### Library

- Tuesday for 3N
- Students should borrow weekly and read silently or aloud to someone 10 – 20 minutes a night.

#### Art

Thursday 9:15 am for 3N

## Attendance

- It is important for students to attend school every day unless they are sick. If students are showing any signs of Covid, they must remain at home. RAT Tests should be taken twice per week (Sunday night and Wednesday night).
- Arrive and leave on time
- A note is required to explain absences as attendance is compulsory
- For extended absences an exemption may be appropriate.
- A late note is required or early leave note from the office between 9.15am and 3.15pm.

#### **School Gate Security**

- The main gate at the front of the school will now be locked between 9.30am and 2.30pm each day.
- Access to the school during these times will be via the school's rear pedestrian gate and all visitors during these times must report to the school office.

# Covid Advice

If students are showing any signs of Covid, they must remain at home. RAT Tests should be taken twice per week (Sunday night and Wednesday night).

### Students Accessing Learning Activities during Periods of Isolation

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19
   and is required to isolate they are not expected to complete learning activities.
- However, if your child is required to isolate as a close contact within the family, they may access a Digital Learning Pack developed by the NSW Department of Education. Simply email the school in this case and a link to the Digital Learning Pack will emailed to you.

## Classroom Management

#### **Anti Bullying lessons & Discipline Policy**

Students will participate in a series of Anti-Bullying lessons over the next few weeks and throughout the year.

#### **Reward System**

- Dojos online reward system will be awarded to students for following and displaying school values.
- The 7 people with the most Dojos at the end of each term will participate in a reward activity.
- 3N students will also have a table points-based class reward system.

## Classroom Management

#### Warnings

- Those students who choose not to follow school rules will be warned three times in a session.
- On the third warning they will be sent to "time out"
- If they choose to continue this behaviour they will be sent to a supervisor's room for "time out" and a letter will be sent home to you.
- The third letter sent home in one term may result in a "warning of suspension" letter.

## Homework

#### Weekly Homework - due Thursdays

- Via a homework book
- Spelling, dictation, times tables and maths worksheet
- Teachers will mark it and return it

#### **Assignments**

- Homework Grid includes 'research work' relevant to class topic
- Choose activities from the grid. These activities are due on the dates stated on the Homework Grid
- Students to present their work in front of the class
- Verbal feedback given by peers and teacher

#### Mathletics - due Thursdays

- Mathletics is an online educational program designed by teachers.
   It is curriculum based and covers Mathematics.
- Your child has home access to Mathletics via the website or an application

## Sending Money

#### **Online Payments**

- Via the school website
- The site is secure
- Card Information provided by parents is not shared with the school.
- There will be a date specified for final payment (one week before the excursion) –
- NO payments will be accepted after this.

Permission Notes must be returned to authorise attendance

## Stage 2 Events 2022

#### Term 1:

- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Bridge Walk Excursion.

#### Term 2:

- NAPLAN
- Athletics Carnival and Cross Country
- Semester 1 report

#### Term 3:

Book Week Parade

#### Term 4:

- Semester 2 report
- Presentation Day
- Picnic Day





#### •Year 3 NAPLAN will be online:

Held in Weeks 3 & 4 of Term 2

- Language conventions
- Writing
- Reading
- Numeracy
- •NAPLAN is a nation wide standardised test.
- •You will receive individualised information about your child.
- •Schools looks at is student 'growth' between Year 3 and 5 and then Year 5 and 7, this gives the school an overall picture of the impact school programs are having on students.



## Grading

#### Reports will be issued in Term 2 & 4

#### **Interviews**

 Formal interviews will be in Term 1 – the focus will be setting goals.

#### **Open Communication**

 If you have concerns please make an appointment with your class teacher - either by phone, email the school or by writing a note to the teacher.

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### P&C and Class Representative

- This year's Parent Class Representative is Sara Wilson (Ferghus's Mum)
- This is a voluntary program where one parent from each class member is asked to provide a mobile number and/or email in order to receive reminders about school and P&C events from the designated Class Parent Representative.
- The Class Parent Representative will not share any parents' details with other parents and will be responsible for holding the information.

## Our Schedule

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Sports Uniform	Morning Assembly		Art	Sports Uniform
	(SISA)			Homework	
1		Languages		Due	Homework sent out
١		<b>Library Bags</b>			
					2 <sup>nd</sup> hour
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# T-thankyou!

Thank-you for your attendance. Should you require any clarification of the information shared, please email your questions to the school office and I will respond ASAP.