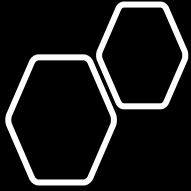


Welcome to
our class!

3P





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

Mrs Amber Pontifex

- Teaching for 21 years, at SSPS for 9 years-
- Early Literacy / Reading Recovery specialist
- Currently classroom teacher of Year 3. This being my third year on Year 3.



School Info

Stage 2 Teachers are:

- 3/4K Mr Matthew Knight AP
- 3N Miss 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 – reading, 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

- Science is inline the new syllabus
- HSIE includes the new History Syllabus and the new Geography units
- Students will usually work in mixed ability groups



Lessons & Activities

Literacy Lessons:

- 3 x 45 Minutes Modelled Reading linked to HSIE / Science topics
 - The focus is on 'Reading to Learn'
- 3 x 45 minutes of Guided Reading sessions includes:
 - Spelling Activities
 - Blue Box
 - iPad Coding
 - Reading / working with the teacher
- 5 x 5 minutes sustained reading
- 45 minutes for a writing session usually linked to HSIE / Science topic
- 30 - 45 minutes Spelling / Dictation intro / hand out homework
- 30 minutes spelling / dictation test / mark mental



Lessons & Activities

Mathematics Lessons:

- 3 - 4 x 30 - 45 Mathematics sessions
- Lessons follow the Scope and Sequence
- Teacher differentiates lessons appropriately for students.

Music Groups

- On Thursday 2:15pm afternoon – Band (pre-Covid), Year 3 Choir and Recorder(pre-Covid), Year 4 Greek Dance (pre Covid) or CAPA Groups



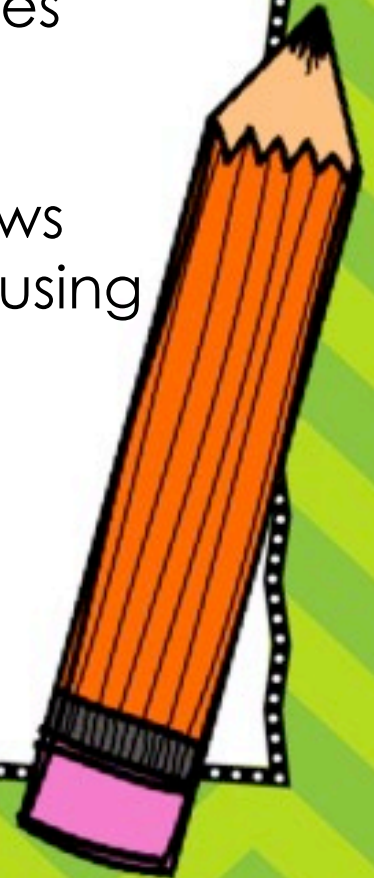
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Technology:

- iPads in Reading Groups
- Stage 2 classes will complete several activities that will usually be assigned via Google Classroom including Coding activities.
- Our ILLA Room- a modern facility which allows teachers and students more flexibility when using technology.

Languages

- **Tuesday 10:15am:** 1 hour Greek and French
- **Friday 1:05pm:** 2nd hour of Greek



Lessons & Activities

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.
- The dynamic teaching team also ensures extensive professional safety practice when teaching.
- All the teachers are fully qualified PDHPE trained or Athletics Coach accredited.



Lessons & Activities

Sport and Assembly are on Friday

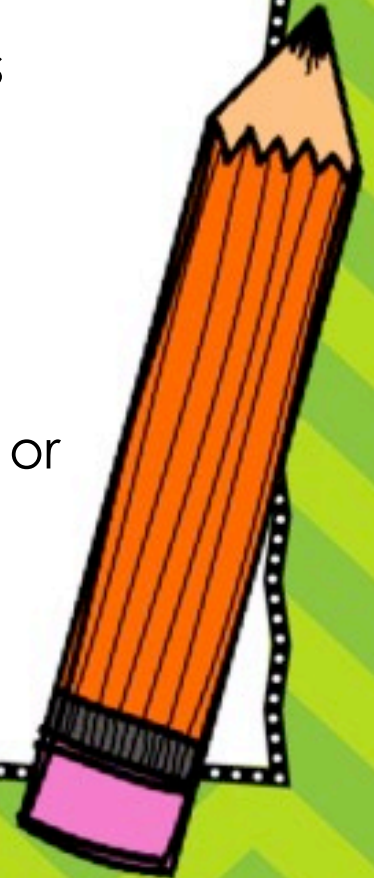
- Students must wear sports uniform, sneakers and a hat.
- 2 merit awards given in each class and a Values award each week.
- 2 Quality Work Awards every second week.

Library

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

Art

- Thursday 10:15pm for 3P

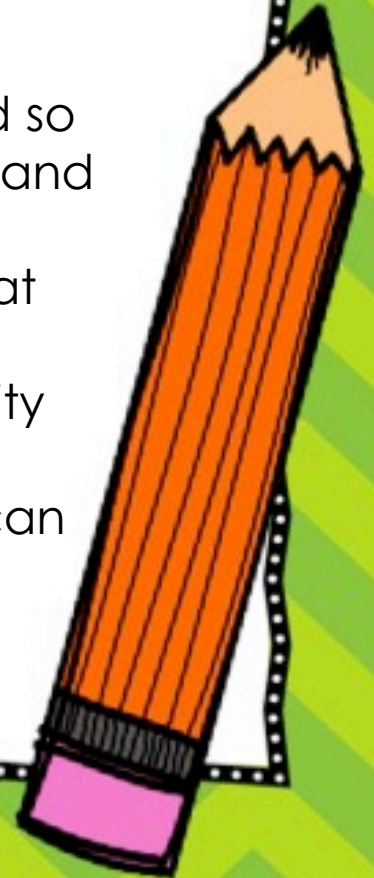


Lessons & Activities

Feedback Framework

This term all Stage 2 students and teachers will be continuing to work on developing practices in student peer feedback:

- Good feedback gives students information they need so they can understand where they are in their learning and what to do next.
- Good feedback means students can understand what changes or improvements to make.
- Good feedback means giving students the opportunity to improve their work after receiving their feedback.
- Good feedback contains information that students can use to improve their learning.



Attendance

- It is important for students to attend school every day.
- 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 is now locked. 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, is unwell 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 be 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.

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.



Classroom Management

Warnings

- In 3P the whole school behaviour management system applies. It is consistently applied from Kinder to year 6.
- 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 sheet

Assignments - due Friday

- Homework Grid includes 'research work' relevant to class work
- 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 via Google Classroom or as an information poster.
- 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 app



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
- Opportunity Class -Applications to be lodged
- Semester 1 report

Term 3:

- Book Week Parade

Term 4:

- Year 4 Big Day Out
- Semester 2 report
- Presentation Day
- Picnic Day



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.



Year 3 NAPLAN will be online except for Writing:

NAPLAN Online test window is nine days in May

- Language conventions
- Writing
- Reading
- Numeracy

NAPLAN is a nation wide standardised test.

You will receive individualised information about your child.

However, the data the 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. For example; L3, Modelled Reading, Student Feedback, BYOD.

It is 'one test on one day' and we collect data about your child throughout the year for reporting.

P&C and Class Representative

- Information was sent home in regard to introducing a P&C Class parent Representative program to enhance communication of P&C and school events between school and home.
- 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.



P&C and Class Representative

- The Class Parent Representative will not share any parents' details with other parents and will be responsible for holding the information.
- If we have more than one parent wishing to take on the role, a name can be drawn from a ballot.
- Any parent that is not currently subscribed but would like to participate may provide contact details to the school office.



Our Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Uniform	Morning Assembly (pre-Covid) Library		Art Lessons Homework Due	Sports Uniform Homework Grid Activity Due on dates specified



Supporting Your Child At Home

Spend

- Spend time each afternoon/evening talking with your child about their school day – What did you learn?

Encourage

- Encourage your child to keep trying

Read

- Read to them/with them

Help

- Help them learn their times tables

Visit

- Visit places of interest e.g., the city, national parks, museums, libraries, beaches

Questions?

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