## Year 3
### Term 1
#### Newsletter

### TEACHER AND CLASS INFORMATION

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### TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Meet the Teacher**<br>Tuesday 7th February<br>3:15pm
- **Technology Task**<br>Students will need to collect recycled materials for their technology task by 24th February
- **School Photos**<br>Tuesday 28th February<br>Wednesday 1st March
- **Anti-Bullying Day**<br>Friday 17th March
- **Junior Cross Country Carnival**<br>(Prep –3) March 29th
- **Street Science Incursion**<br>Friday 10th March
- **Assembly**<br>Every second Tuesday at 1:40pm<br>(Even weeks only)
UNITS: Students will develop skills to analyse and create persuasive texts. Comprehension strategies will be explicitly taught to improve deep understanding of texts. Students will also investigate characters in narratives and write using a basic narrative structure.

ASSESSMENTS:
- Plan and write a persuasive argument
- Reading comprehension task
- Plan and write an imaginative narrative

ENGLISH

SCIENCE

UNIT: Spinning Earth
Students will investigate the effect of Earth’s rotation on its axis in relation to the position of the sun. They will identify the observable and non-observable features of Earth and how this forms shadows, day and night.

ASSESSMENT: Explain the cause of everyday observations on Earth, including night and day, sunrise and sunset, and shadows and how people use knowledge of the movement of Earth in their lives. Students use diagrams and other representations to communicate these ideas.

HASS

UNIT TOPICS:
- Celebrations in Australia and Around the World.
- Exploring the Gold Coast past and present

ASSESSMENT TASKS:
- Sequence selected celebration days
- Explain the significance of a celebration
- Communicate changes in the local community and give reasons for these changes

TECHNOLOGY

UNIT: Space Carrier Construction
Investigate designs and construction methods.

ASSESSMENT:
- Design, make and appraise a space carrier that will carry an object of 1 metre.

MESSAGES

Welcome to an exciting year of learning in Year 3.

The children are settling into their classes well and learning new routines with their classmates and new teachers.

A few tips to remember to assist your child to achieve their personal best this year:
- Thank you for making sure your child arrives at school on time. Every day of learning provides your child with new skills and opportunities.
- Absences should be reported, as early as possible to the office by phone: 55954 888, text: 0427 904 333 or in person; or to the child’s classroom teacher.
- ‘Munch & Crunch’ is encouraged each morning as this gives the children a boost of ‘brain food’. Fresh fruit & vegetables are allowed to be eaten at this time. Please provide easy to eat items cut into bite-sized pieces as the children eat them whilst continuing their work.
- Homework requirements will be explained during the Meet the Teacher afternoon.
- Mathletics & Reading Eggs will usually form part of your child’s homework. Passwords will be issued in Week 2 for eligible students.
- Full school uniform is required each day, including black shoes, white socks and a school hat. We insist students stay sun-safe.
- Tuckshop may be ordered online or by placing order at the tuckshop using a paper bag.
- Please let your child develop greater independence by waiting for them in a designated spot away from the classroom. This also allows learning to continue until the bell.