Year 3 Information Night

Welcome Parents & Carers

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Prayer

Blessed are You, loving God, for You have created a wide and wonderful world for us to live in.
We ask your blessing on us as we embark on the journey of this year.
Be our ever-near companion and spread the road before us with beauty, adventure and freedom from harm.
Grant us all the wisdom, understanding and tolerance to support and nurture all the members of our community as we journey together in faith.
Amen

Eddie’s Endeavours

• This year, students will receive a homework book to complete all of their weekly spelling and times tables activities, and to log their home reading. This homework book will need to be sent in each Friday to be marked by your child’s teacher.

First Eucharist

• 14th June 2015.
• There will be an information night closer to the date for those celebrating their First Eucharist.
NAPLAN 2015

- 12th – 14th May.
- Attendance during this time is extremely important.
- There are past papers available on the NAPLAN website.
- http://www.naplan.edu.au/

National Curriculum

Last year our focus was introducing the new English Curriculum. This year, we will be introducing the new Science and Technology and Mathematics curricula.

Changes?
- Science is more hands on
- Mathematics is more sequential and there is a greater focus on mathematical language

Some staff members will be released from class to work on implementing the new curricula. Every second Friday Jodie Boyd will be teaching 3B as I will be involved with the new Mathematics curriculum.

Ways to help at home - Literacy

- Always be positive and give lots of praise☺☺☺☺
- Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it’s the single most important thing you can do to help your child’s education.
- Think of ways to make reading fun.
- Use technology - Explore On line Books.
- Books aren’t just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps just before bed.

- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, cookery or a certain sport.
- Talk to your children about the books they read and for not so confident readers – encourage them to read aloud- at least for some sections. Take turns reading a page.
- Ensure that the reading material is at your child’s level. (We read for meaning if too difficult all their energy goes into decoding and comprehension is lost.)
- Encourage children to write (lists, letters, poems , stories, projects/information reports, diaries).
- Encourage them to research topics that interest them.
- Encourage use of dictionaries and thesauruses.
- Play word games- scrabble(computer ed sites)
Ways to help at home - Maths

- As with reading, try to make maths as much fun as possible - games, puzzles and jigsaws are a great way to start. It’s also important to show how we use maths skills in our everyday lives and to involve your child in this.

- Children seem to have trouble in the areas of Space, Measurement and Working Mathematically. There are lots of “hands on” ways to help.

- Memorise – Measurement facts e.g., 1,000g = 1 kilogram, 1000ml = 1 litre, 10cm = 1 metre, 60 seconds = 1 minute, 60 minutes = 1 hour, 24 hours = 1 day, 7 days = 1 week.

- Name days of the week, Months, Seasons

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home. 2D or 3D? What properties do they have e.g. number of edges, faces, corners does it have.

- Go shopping / cooking and talk about the quantities. What does a kg look like? How does it feel? What about 500gm or 20gm? Play games to guess the mass of grocery items.

- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost.

- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates.

- Pose and solve word problems using 1 or more steps.

- Memorise Your xTables

- Let them be creative! They love the computer!

HSIE

- As part of our Term 3 HSIE unit, Local History, Year 3 will take part in an excursion which will visit Calala Cottage for a day of old fashioned fun. The children will participate in a number of exciting, hands on activities based around Tamworth’s history.

Medical Alerts

- If your child is Anaphylactic or asthmatic, it is essential that an ASCIA Anaphylaxis/Asthma Action Plan is obtained from your local GP. This is then duplicated and displayed around the school so all staff are aware of your child’s allergy and treatment plan.

- If your child requires short or long term medication, a form must be collected from the office or your child’s teacher, completed and returned before any medication can be administered.
Toys

- Please discourage your child from bringing their own toys to school, as we know how special they are and do not want them to get lost or become damaged.
- If your child does choose to bring their toys to school, it is their responsibility to look after them.

Labelling

- Please ensure that all property is labelled with your child’s name and class. That way we can return lost property efficiently.

Questions?

We look forward to working collaboratively with you this year to help provide the best learning outcomes for your child.

Thank you 😊