

CLASS INFORMATION

BOOKLET

2017



Room 11 Year Three
Mrs Bruce & Mrs Lindsay

Welcome

Welcome to Year 3. Mrs Bruce and Mrs Lindsay will be teaching your child in Room 11 this year. We are really looking forward to spending the year with all of the children. We aim to create an environment in our classroom which gives your child every opportunity to reach his/her full potential, and we have many things planned to help them enjoy their journey through Year 3.

Teaching Philosophy

When children feel happy and secure, research shows that they are best able to learn. Students in Room 11 will be engaged in age-appropriate activities. They will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with a partner or in a small group as well as completing individual work. They will be set tasks that are within their capabilities giving them confidence and a positive experience with learning. They will be encouraged to take on responsibilities and set some personal goals each term. This year we hope to help our students become more independent, taking responsibility for their belongings, their homework and learning while we support them. Giving them responsibilities helps them to grow and develop, thus empowering them with the knowledge that 'they can do it.'

Class Organisation

Our classroom will be open at 8:30 each morning. Students have a set routine to follow when they arrive at school each morning. This encourages them to be ready and organised for learning by the second siren at 8:45. Each student will have a large drawer, a small tray and a book box to store their belongings. As the year progresses a note may come home requesting additional supplies if they have run out. Please make sure that their equipment is clearly labelled with their name. Students will be responsible for looking after their equipment and they will be allocated a classroom task each month to contribute to the smooth running of the class.

Teaching Methods

Students in our class will experience a variety of teaching methods, including whole class instruction and small ability group sessions. The CARS and STARS booklet will support our reading focus, which is: 'understanding what we read'. Reading and spelling groups will vary according to ability and the new Oxford Maths programme also allows for students to work at their own level. They are encouraged to work cooperatively and also develop their independent work skills in class.

Supporting Positive Behaviour

Every student in our class has the right to learn in a safe environment without disruptions from those that are behaving inappropriately. Students have agreed on some classroom rules, and to encourage responsible behaviour a variety of rewards will be used including affirmation, stamps, stickers, certificates, group points and prizes. Students will be expected to follow the classroom rules and we will be encouraging this with the Supporting Positive Behaviour Program – Levels of Behaviour which is displayed in our room.

Bullying/graffiti

The school has a zero-tolerance policy to both bullying and graffiti. In the case of the former, please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance if you believe that it is occurring. The sooner we know about it the sooner we can deal with it.

Homework

Home reading has already begun and students have been taking home books in their Homework File. By Year 3 we hope to see the students choosing Junior Fiction short novels from the library as well as novels which can also be used to add to their reading minutes. Please record the title of the book and how many minutes have been spent reading each night. Students will be rewarded with certificates for each 500 hundred minutes of reading they complete. They will also have some spelling words to practise. This can be done orally or by using the LOOK, SAY, COVER and WRITE method. Reading and spelling should be done each night from Monday to Thursday. It is still important to practise counting on skills and times tables. Certificates will be given for proficiency with these. Try to make this learning time with your child a pleasant one and if you are having any problems, please let us know. Homework folders do not go home on Fridays.

Specialist Teachers

Dr. Geoff Law	LOTE (Mandarin)	Monday	12:05-1:05
Mr Russell Grey	PHYS ED	Tuesday	8:45-9:45
Mrs Pat Abbott	ART	Wednesday	12:05-1:05
Mr Nevad Hadzic	MUSIC	Thursday	11:05-12:05

Senior Sport will take place on Wednesdays and faction t-shirts and sneakers should be worn.

Library

Our Library day is Friday. Please try to remember the borrowed books and a bag that will protect them from spills in schoolbags.

ICT/Computer

During our computer sessions we will be completing some activities on cybersafety to ensure that everyone understands how important this is when accessing the Internet, both here and at home.

We will be learning computer coding using materials sourced from code.org. Students will learn through problem-solving how to write code in order to have the computer do something that they have planned.

School Website/School App

The school website and the app are your 'one stop' shop for information about the school, including events, upcoming activities and online forms. Please download the school app as soon as possible from either the App Store or Google Play. The app's name is Updat-ed and it is free to download. Further instructions are on the website.

Absences/Attendance

Any absence from school must be supported by an explanation – this can be by note, email, phone call to the office (9405 4007), or by using our online absentee form from the link on the home page of our website. Explanations must be made within three days of the student returning to school. Family holidays during term time must be notified in advance and in writing to the principal.

Incursions, swimming lessons and excursions

These occur from time to time during the year and payment should be made as soon as possible with the return of any permission slips. See the Contributions and Charges sheet on the school website for more details.

Newsletters

These are published on the website fortnightly on Friday. If we have your email address on file you will receive an email alert to indicate that the newsletter has been published and links to it. Important information is always placed in the newsletter.

Uniform and School Hats

School uniforms must be worn each day. They are available from Uniform Concepts in Joondalup. The school has a no hat-no play in the sun policy – only bucket, broad-brimmed or Legionnaires styles are permitted. Caps are no longer part of the school uniform.

Contact

If you have a problem or concern regarding any aspect of your child's schooling, whether in the classroom or playground, please feel free to contact us. We will be happy to discuss your concern with you. Please contact us with a note or by email and if necessary an appointment time can be made.

We are looking forward to a great year with your child.

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