

3/4 UNIT NEWSLETTER

IPADS

Our Grade Threes are patiently awaiting their brand new iPads. Mr Branson will be sending home more information about our 1:1 program very soon. We hope students will have them by the end of Week 4. As for those Grade Four students with their own iPad, we ask that parents continue to monitor their child's iPad use. If students have to have a pass code, please send a copy to the classroom teacher. Parents can also help by making sure the iPad is charged nightly and the device arrives at school fully charged.

PUNCTUALITY

It is important that all students feel relaxed and ready to learn. One way you can support this is by making sure your child is in their classroom **before 9am**. This way students have a chance to check their daily time-table and get themselves ready for the day's activities.

If you are going to be later than 9:00am, your child must first go to the office to be marked present on the roll.

HOMEWORK

Soon students in Grade Three and Four will be expected to complete their Reading and Maths homework weekly. They will be expected to read for **30 minutes every night** and record their reading in their Reading Diaries.

As we are still setting up our classroom routines, homework has not begun yet. However, you can still check with your child nightly to make sure they are reading something from home.

LUNCH BOXES

A healthy snack and lunch are a great way to prepare your child for learning. Our canteen menu features lots of tasty choices. Foods are labelled as Amber (sometimes) and Green (all the time) food items. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child about their food and help them make healthy choices.

UNIFORM

The entire Grade 3/4 unit has looked wonderful over the last two weeks, wearing their uniforms with such pride. Please make sure your child has a broad brim hat to wear at recess, lunch and outdoor lessons. It is also very important that all items are named clearly, as the lost property box fills very quickly when they are not!

TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Regular communication with your child's teacher is very important. We ask that if you need to speak to your child's teacher you do so **before 9am or after 3:15pm**.

CAMPS

Camps are an amazing way for children to build their independence, strengthen relationships and learn new skills.

Year 4

Adelaide: 17th October – 19th October
Approx. Cost: \$260

The group will travel by bus and will be staying at the Nunyara Conference Centre in the Adelaide Hills.

Year 3

Swan Hill: 24th – 25th May
Approx. Cost - \$150

Students will get to experience how life was in the past and see the spectacular Heart of the Murray light show.

There will be more information about both camps to follow.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school it is expected that you inform the school by **phone the day of or by written note the day after the absence**.