



GRADE 3-6 NEWSLETTER – TERM 1, 2019

February 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year, we are pleased to be back and look forward to working with you and your child. The grade 3 - 6 team for 2019 are:

3/4IN	Miss Ingrid Noack	Room 1
4/5SA	Miss Sharni Anderson	Room 2
5/6SW	Miss Shannon Wright	Room 3

The Specialist teachers working with our team are: Mr Nicholas Lindsay-P.E, Miss Emily Viney-Music & Art, Signora Rina Nanos-LOTE Italian.

For the first two weeks of the year we will be implementing the **Quality Start Up** program which develops confidence, respect and a positive learning environment for all. Alongside this we will begin our Literacy and Numeracy programs.

Our Term 1 **Inquiry** learning unit is titled '*Design, Create and Share*' and has a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths). This unit will link with our Community Fair and Open Morning. Students will share their learning at our **showcase afternoon** on Tuesday 12th March, 2:45pm in the Hall.

Home Learning will continue to be a weekly expectation in 2019. Home Learning activities will be based on classroom learning. Grade 3-6 students will be expected to complete and submit their Home Learning by Friday every week. The Home Learning planner outlines the tasks in detail but in summary, your child will be expected to read nightly, complete the maths practise task from the schedule provided and learn their set spelling words. Once again, it is of vital importance for students to read nightly. Students can read books borrowed from their classroom, the school library or novels brought from home. Students will also be reading each day at school. Students are required to log their home reading progress in their school diary.

Grade 3 - 6 students are required to use a **school diary**. A school diary is a great resource for writing in reminders for the school week as well as keeping their daily reading record. It is expected that students bring their diary to school every day. Parents can use this diary to communicate with the teachers. Please encourage your child to remember their diary every day so we can help them to develop good habits.

There are number of key **events** that will occur in Term 1 including:

- selection of School Captains, S.A.Ms, House Captains, Library monitors, Arts Captain, ICT leaders and monitors, flag and chair monitors by the Grade 3-6 students and staff (students will record exact dates in their diary.)
- Interschool sport competition
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Twilight Sports and P&F BBQ
- Graduation fundraisers.

Please refer to the **Events Planner** for further details.

All students will have the opportunity to audition for the School **Choir** which is conducted by Miss Viney.

Students are required to wear their **full school uniform** including school hats (in Term 1 & 4). Wearing the correct school uniform is an expectation of the Watsonia PS uniform policy and is an important way to demonstrate school pride and be a positive role model for the younger students of the school. As we are a **Sunsmart** school, if students do not wear a school hat, they cannot participate in outside activities, which includes recess/lunch breaks and outside PE sessions. Students without a hat sit in a designated shaded area - No Hat, No Play! A school hat is also required for Interschool Sport. Students should also bring a water bottle to school every day, particularly for PE and interschool sport.

Please remember that **school starts at 9:00am** each day. Arriving by 8:50am ensures your child is on time and ready for their day. If students arrive after 9:00am, they must visit the Office first to sign in and receive a late pass which they give to their classroom teacher.

All students are asked to provide 1 box of **tissues** for the classroom each term. Students should also bring an **art smock** to protect their clothing. Please send this to school by Monday 11th February.

Please check that all items of school uniform, especially jumpers and jackets are **clearly named**. Students are responsible for looking after their own clothing and when jumpers/jackets are named, they can be returned if lost.

If at any time during the year you have a query regarding your child, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. During school hours, you can make an appointment through the office on 9435 2917 or by email.

Regards,

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Attachments:

- Events planner, Term 1 2019
- Home Learning schedule
- Specialist newsletter

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MONDAY	ART, 11:30-12:30 PE, 2:30-3:30	PE, 11:30-12:30 ART, 1:30-2:30	PE, 1:30-2:30 ART, 2:30-3:30
TUESDAY	LOTE Italian, 1:30-2:30	LOTE Italian, 2:30-3:30	LOTE Italian, 11:30-12:30 LIBRARY, 2:30-3:30
WEDNESDAY	CODING, 11:30-12:30 LIBRARY, 1:30-2:30	CODING, 1:30-2:30 LIBRARY, 2:30-3:30	CODING, 2:30-3:30
THURSDAY	MUSIC, 9:00-10:00	MUSIC, 1:30-2:30	MUSIC, 11:30-12:30
FRIDAY	Interschool Sport, 9:00-11:00 (Grade 4s only)	Interschool Sport, 9:00-11:00	Interschool Sport, 9:00-11:00

Year 5 & 6 Home Learning - Term 1, 2019



Home Learning is due on Friday. If you have any questions, please ask early in the week.

MUST DO:

Every week you are expected to complete the following:

1. Home Reading every day for at least 15mins.
Reading must be recorded daily on the Reading Log and signed by a parent for the week.
2. Spelling practise - Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check at least 3 times a week
3. Choose one free choice spelling activity from the grid
4. Complete the maths revision task for the week

Spelling choice

Break your words up into syllables	Write your words once with your left hand & once with your right hand	Create a code for the alphabet, write your words using your code
Write a synonym and antonym for each of your words	Type all your words. Use fancy fonts and colours if you want	Write each word in a meaningful sentence
Write your words across the page and down the page, just like a game of Scrabble.		



MATHS REVISION

Odd weeks (3, 5, 7, 9) practise multiplication facts of your choice.

Even weeks: Solve the equations, show all your working out.

Week 2:

2364 + 1479
3615 + 4046
7120 + 975
8623 + 3508

Week 4:

List the multiples of:
3, 4, 6, 8

List the factors of:
20, 18, 42

Week 6:

573 - 126
674 - 439
825 - 319
306 - 272

Week 8:

28 x 12
36 x 25
53 x 34
72 x 21

Week 10

384 ÷ 2
72 ÷ 3
175 ÷ 5
246 ÷ 6

CAN DO:

If you wish to further extend your learning, you can use the following apps and programs at home:





Grade 3 - 6 Events Planner Term 1 2019

EXCURSION/EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
Interschool Sport – Grade 4-6 students	Home and away matches	Matches from Friday 8 th February, 9:00 – 11:00am	\$20.00 bus cost for all away matches	Yes, one permission note to cover all away matches. Note & payment due by Wed 6 th Feb
Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival TRIALS	WaterMarc, 1 Flintoff St Greensborough	Monday 11 th February 8.00am-8.45 am.	No	Parents take child to meet Mr Lindsay at the pool. Parents take child to school after trials.
Parent/Teacher Interviews	In your child's classroom	Thursday 14 th February, at your appointment time	No	Yes, reply slip for you to nominate a preferred time slot.
District Swimming Carnival for students selected from the swimming trials	WaterMarc, 1 Flintoff St Greensborough	Thursday 21 st February, 9:30am – 1:00pm	To be confirmed	Yes, to be returned by Friday 15 th February.
Student leadership badge presentations to be held at assembly	Hall	Monday 25 th February, 9:00am	No	No
Out of Uniform Day – Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser	Watsonia PS	Thursday 28 th February	Gold coin donation	No
Labour Day public holiday	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 11 th March	No	No
3 - 6 Learning Showcase - Come and celebrate our students' learning	Hall	Tuesday 12 th March, 2:45 – 3:15pm	No	No
School Fair and Open Morning	Watsonia PS	Saturday 16 th March, 9.30am	Market stalls selling wares	No
Harmony Day - Sharing and celebrating our multicultural country and all its diversity	Watsonia PS	Thursday 21 st March	No	No
Lunchtime Movie in the Hall - Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser	Hall	Friday 29 th March	50c entry	No
Twilight Sports and Parents & Friends BBQ	Oval	Monday 1 st April, 5.00-7.00pm	No	No
Last day of Term 1	Watsonia PS	Friday 5 th April, early dismissal 2.30pm	No	No