



Grade 3 - 6 Newsletter, Term 3 2019

July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 3, a busy term with lots of exciting opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom.

Students are excited about our **Wakakirri** performance next **Monday 22nd July**. We will be leaving the school at 1:00pm to go to our rehearsal at the Clocktower Centre and will remain at the Moonee Ponds Community Hall until the evening performance. Please remember that students must be picked up after the performance by parents (or other adult as per arrangement with the school).

This term in our **Inquiry** unit students will explore the differences between varying cultures, places, people and cultures differ across the world. We will be sharing our learning at a showcase on **Friday 13th September at 2.30pm – 3.15pm**.

Our **Science** learning this term will centre on Physical Sciences and students will investigate light and sound.

Our **Swimming Program** begins on **Friday 19th July**. If your child is attending, please ensure they have their bathers, a towel, goggles (optional) and spare underwear in a separate swimming bag (we do not take school bags to the pool). Please ensure **all clothing items are clearly named including underwear and socks**. Students may need their school jumper to wear to and from the swimming pool particularly as the weather gets colder. Swimmers leave school at 12.00pm and return by 1.30pm. Lessons are held at Watermarc Greensborough and parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

There is no Interschool Sport in Term 3 however 3-6 students will be training for range of athletic sports - sprints, long distance running, shot put, discus, long jump, high jump etc. Please ensure that your child wears their runners on Fridays. Later in the term, a team will be selected to represent our school at the **District Athletics Carnival on Thursday 29th August**.

Our **Grade 3-6 Camp** will be to Portsea in Term 4. All camp payments are due this term by **6th September** and we encourage families to make smaller payments periodically. Consent and Medical forms will be sent home on **9th September** and are due back at school on **19th September**.

Please read the attached Events Planner for other events 3-6 students will be involved in this term.

Families of Grade 6 students will receive notification of their child's **secondary school placements on Tuesday 7th August**. Please keep a look out for this letter in your child's bag on this date.

Grade 6 students have also begun planning the events for the **Graduation** evening. All Grade 6s have been asked to bring a baby/toddler photo to school ASAP so it can be scanned into the PowerPoint presentation. Photos can also be emailed to Miss Wright.

The **Events Planner** contains details of the many other important school events this term.

Home Learning will continue to be a weekly expectation this term. Home Learning activities are 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. It is of vital importance for students to read nightly. Students can read books borrowed from their classroom, the school library or novels from home. Students will also be reading each day at school. Students are required to log their home reading in their school diary or home learning book.

There will be occasions when you will receive notices to sign and/or money to pay for events. Please ensure that you return these by the due dates listed. Electronic payments can be made at the office and all other payments must go to the classroom teacher.

Some students are using their **school diaries** as a great resource for writing in reminders and for their home learning and daily reading. School diaries should be coming to school every day. Please encourage your child so we can help them to develop good habits as they move towards secondary school.

Please remember that school starts each day at 9.00am. If students arrive later than 9.00am, they must visit the office first to sign in and receive a late pass which they give to their classroom teacher. If your child is absent, please log their absence through Compass. Absences are officially recorded as approved if notification is received and unapproved if we receive no notification from parents.

It would be appreciated if your child could bring a box of tissues to share with the class each term.

If you have any questions, please contact us at school on 9435 2917 or via email.

Regards,

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Attachments:

- Grade 3-6 Term 3 Events planner
- Home Learning schedule
- Specialist newsletter

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MONDAY	ART, 1:30-2:30 PE, 2:30-3:30	PE, 1:30-2:30 ART, 2:30-3:30	PE, 11:30-12:30 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	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 CODING, 1:30-2:30	MUSIC, 1:30-2:30	MUSIC, 11:30-12:30
FRIDAY	Athletics training, 12.00 – 1.30	Athletics training, 12.00 – 1.30	Athletics training, 12.00 – 1.30



Year 3-6 Events Planner Term 3, 2019

EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
Year 5 and 6 excursion to Parliament House	Parliament House, travel by train	Wednesday 17 th July, leave school: 9:30am, return by 3:00pm	No	Yes, returned in term 2
Swimming Program P-6 Bring bathers, towel, goggles (optional) – all clearly named – in a separate swimming bag.	Watermarc, 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough	Fridays – Jul 19 th , 26 th , Aug 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th , Sept 6 th . Leave school 12:00pm, return 1:30pm	Yes, already paid in term 2.	Yes, returned in term 2.
Wakakirri rehearsal – for students who are participating in Wakakirri	The Clocktower Centre and Community Hall, Moonee Ponds, travel by bus	Monday 22 nd July, Bus leaves school: 1:00pm Students must be picked up from the venue after the performance by parents (or other adult as per arrangement with the school)	\$15.00, already paid in term 2.	Yes, returned in term 2
Wakakirri performance	The Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds	Monday 22 nd July, 7:00pm	Tickets can no longer be purchased at school. Please see www.wakakirri.com.au	Yes, returned in term 2
Pupil Free Day	No students to attend school on this day	Thursday 1 st August	No	No
Pyjama Day – Out of uniform day, grade 6 graduation fundraiser	Watsonia PS	Wednesday 7 th August	Gold coin donation	No
Grade 6 notification of secondary school placements – students will bring home a letter	Watsonia PS	Wednesday 7 th August	No	No
STEM Day celebration as part of Science Week Mad About Science incursion	Watsonia PS	Monday 12 th August	\$9.00	Yes, due Fri 2 nd Aug
Scholastic Book Fair - pop up book shop in the library, percentage of all sales goes to buying new library books	Watsonia PS, in the library	Thursday 15 th –Tuesday 20 th August, 8:45 – 9:00am and 3:30 – 3:45pm	Purchasing books is optional	No
Book Week Dress Up Day - come dressed up as your favourite book character for a day celebrating books!	Watsonia PS Parade in the hall	Monday 19 th August, parade begins at 9:15am	No	No
Father's Day Stall – students can buy a gift	Watsonia PS	Wednesday 28 th August, 9:00am Friday 30 th August, 11:30am	Gifts to buy up to \$5.	No
District Athletics Carnival	Meadowglen Athletics Track, McDonalds Road, Epping	Thursday 29 th August, 9:30am – 2:45pm	To be advised	Yes, due Fri 16 th Aug
Footy Day – come dressed in the colours of your favourite footy team. Parents invited for the parade.	Watsonia PS	Monday 2 nd September, parade begins at 9:15am	No	No
Final camp payments due	Watsonia PS	Friday 6 th September	Yes, total \$350 (\$50 deposit already paid)	No

Grade 3 – 6 Learning Showcase – come and see your child’s learning	Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4	Friday 13 th September, 2:30 - 3:15pm	No	No
Watsonia Primary School ART SHOW – come and see the creativity of our students in the Arts program	Watsonia PS hall	Wednesday 11 th September, 5:30 – 7:00pm	No	No
Camp forms due	Watsonia PS	Thursday 19 th September	All money for camp already paid	Yes
Lunchtime disco in the hall - Grade 6 graduation fundraiser	Watsonia PS hall	Friday 20 th September	50c entry	No
Last day of Term 3	Watsonia PS	Friday 20 th September, early dismissal 2:30pm	No	No

Home Learning Planner

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Must Do:




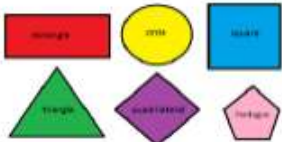




Every week you are expected to complete the following:

- 1) Daily Home Reader
- 2) Look, Cover, Say, Write and Check with your spelling words (at least 3 times a week)
- 3) Choose **one** free choice activity from the grid.

Can Do:

If you wish to further extend your learning, you can also spend 20-30 minutes a few times a week completing some of the following activities:

- Reading Eggs (Your username and password can be found in your Home Learning book)
- Mathletics (Your username and password can be found in your Home Learning book)
- Free reading (Choose any books of your choice)

<p>Draw a bird's eye view of your bedroom.</p> 	<p>Create a character profile for one of the characters in your home reader. Include – interests, words to describe them etc.</p> 	<p>Predict how many times you will roll a 6 if you roll a dice 30 times. Roll a dice 30 times and record your results. Does this fit your prediction?</p> 
<p>Try and find as many shapes as you can around your house. Draw diagrams of each and make sure to label them.</p> 	<p>After reading, write down some key points about the book. I.e. main characters, plot, setting etc.</p> 	<p>Using different colours, highlight the different sounds in each of your spelling words.</p> 
<p>Find the problem and solution in your home reader.</p> 	<p>Borrow some coins from your parents or your own wallet. Order these coins from smallest to largest.</p> 	<p>Write as many words as you can think of that includes your sound of the week.</p> 