



Year 3 Term 1 Overview 2020

Year 3 is well and truly into the swing of their new routines, each bringing their unique interests and talents to contribute to class. This overview will provide a brief description of our foci and curriculum for Term 1. If you have further questions and did not have the opportunity to meet with me at the Parent Information Night, please contact me on my email at:

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General Information

Library - Mondays

Sports Uniform – Tuesday and Fridays

French – Tuesdays

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Religious Education

All year levels across the school are beginning with a focus on our school theme for this year, 'Be the Light'. This term, Year 3 will also be investigating who is Jesus. We will be linking the theme of identity to our religion topic this year, by looking at Jesus' identity.

Health & Physical Education

The students will work on their fundamental motor skills in soccer (football) this term with clinics taking place from weeks 6-10. They will learn about the concepts of fairness, teamwork, and conflict resolution. We will also be looking at the skills we use in athletics as we prepare for our Athletics Carnival. Students will be focusing on cyber safety and protective behaviours through Library and iPad Boot camp.

Literacy

We will focus on independent reading with regular student/ teacher conferences. Writing blocks and modelled lessons on grammar, handwriting and spelling using our Soundwaves K-6 programme. Our text focus this term is Biography/ Autobiography and information reports.

Numeracy

Every week will include a focus on number, including three-digit numbers, counting forwards and backwards by tens and hundreds, rounding to the nearest ten or hundred, introducing the multiplication symbol, and applying the jump and split strategies. In measurement, we will look at five-minute intervals and duration in time. We will also look at data, interpreting and constructing column graphs. Our lessons will regularly include an inquiry process to investigate rules and relationships between numbers and assist the students in making connections with Maths in the world around them.

Integrated

Inquiry Unit - 'Who we are' The identities and abilities of people make them unique.

In this unit the children will explore how it is important to respect the identities and abilities of others and recognise how these make each of us unique.

Essential Questions

- What are my abilities that make me unique?
- How can I share my abilities to have a positive influence on others?
- How can we respect the identity and abilities of others?

STEM

STEM classes are new this year and is taken by Mr Macintyre. The focus for term 1 is Science and Digital Technology. Students will take part in STEM once a week on a Wednesday.

NAPLAN

Week 3 Term 2: May 12-22

We are very aware that NAPLAN is often a big event on the Year 3 calendar. We will begin to prepare our students by familiarising them with the format of the test and practising skills required to decode questions, whilst continuing to teach the Australian Curriculum. Please remember, this is a one-off test and will only provide a snapshot of your child's learning. We will endeavour to reduce any anxieties around this test and provide a positive and supportive environment. We will be completing the test online this year, along with a written component for the writing test. We are here to guide you and answer any questions you may have. More information to come closer to the dates.

The Arts

The students will participate in Music, Drama and Visual Arts this term. The Visual Arts unit will link with our integrated unit of identity.

Homework

St Bede's Homework Policy encourages Year 3 students to participate in **no more than 30 minutes of homework, per night**. 15 minutes of that time should be dedicated to reading. Homework is a **flexible** opportunity for students to practise skills learnt in the classroom, to communicate learning between home and school and to provide an opportunity for students to explore further in their learning. Year 3 homework will include:

- Independent reading (15 minutes)
- Optional activity rubric (5-15 minutes)

Homework will be collected and signed (if applicable) by the classroom teachers every fortnight (Even Weeks – 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) to gauge student progress and participation.

Homework will officially begin in Week 3 for Term 1.

IPads

Year 3 will not introduce BYO iPad until Week 8 of Term 1, until then students **should not have their iPads at school**. Year 3 have access to the school iPads until they get their licence at boot camp. A boot camp for parents and students will be held on Wednesday the 25th March (Week 8) with times to be confirmed closer to the date.. Once completing Boot Camp students will then bring their iPads (or have access to a school iPad) daily in Term 2.

Communication

Classroom teachers are the best first point of contact for classroom and learning issues. Should you need to speak to us about any concerns we are more than happy to do this, as communication is key to our school and home partnership. Some discussions need time and our full attention, thus we do ask that you make a time to meet or phone us (a message can be left with Linda and we will return your call as soon as possible). Conversations are difficult to have at line up time or as we are going into class. For some **less urgent and less serious** issues email may be an option. Email responses will be on weekdays. Please allow 24 hours for a response to emails.

Mrs Fox Teaching:

Once a fortnight Mrs Breen Fox will teach Year 3 for a day. This is a part of the early careers program and allows me to visit other classes and attend professional learning days to continue my growth as a teacher. For term one we have scheduled it to be on a Friday of the even weeks of the term (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) but may change depending what is needed for both myself and Mrs Fox and other events in the school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

Jessica Mead

Yr. 3 Classroom Teacher



Dates for the fridge - Year 3 Term 1

Week 2	Thursday 13 th Feb - Opening School Mass @12pm Friday 14 th Feb – Miss Mead out of class. Mrs Fox teaching
Week 3	Tuesday 18 th Feb – Swimming Carnival Wednesday 19 th Feb – Hockey Clinic Yrs. 1-6 Friday 21 st Feb – Awards Assembly
Week 4	Tuesday 25 th Feb – Shrove Tuesday Tuesday 25 th Feb - Miss Mead out of class. Mrs Fox teaching Wednesday 26 th Feb – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 1pm
Week 5	
Week 6	Monday 9 th March – Canberra Day Public Holiday Tuesday 10 th – Thursday 12 th March – 3 way conversations Tuesday 10 th March – Soccer Clinic Wednesday 11 th March – Athletics Carnival Friday 13 th March – Awards Assembly Friday 13 th March - Miss Mead out of class. Mrs Fox teaching.
Week 7	Week 7 is Sabbatical Week Tuesday 17 th March – Soccer Clinic
Week 8	Tuesday 24 th March – Soccer Clinic Wednesday 25 th March – iPad Boot camp : Times tbc Friday 27 th March - Miss Mead out of class. Mrs Fox teaching.
Week 9	Monday 30 th March – School Photos Tuesday 31 st March – Soccer Clinic Friday 3 rd April – Expo/ Open Classrooms Friday 3 rd April – Awards Assembly
Week 10	Tuesday 7 th April – Soccer Clinic Thursday 9 th April – Stations of the Cross Friday 10 th April – Good Friday

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