

# welcome to Term 2 in Year 3, 2018



Welcome back to Term 2. This year is flying by! The children have had a jam packed term 1, but hang onto your hats for an even more jam packed term 2. This term begins with a bang with Camp kicking off in week 2. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout term 1. We look forward to continuing working together in term 2.

## Important Dates

**April 23 & 34 - Year 3 Camp**

April 26 - Anzac Day Public Holiday

**April 27 - Bunnings Incursion**

May 2 - Year 3-6 Cross Country event

**May 11 - Mother's Day Breakfast & Stall**

May 14 - School Photo Day

**May 15-17 - NAPLAN Testing**

May 23 - National Simultaneous Storytime

**June 7 - Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass**

June 11 - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

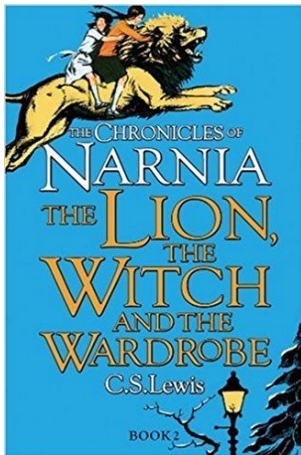
**June 22 - P&F School Disco**

June 26 - Parent / Teacher / Student Meetings pick up 1:50

**June 28 - Parent / Teacher / Student Meetings pick up 1:50**

June 29 - Last Day of Term School pick up 1:50.

# Literacy



In Literacy this term we will be continuing classroom serial reading focusing on the 'Chronicles of Narnia' by CS Lewis. The children often love to read along with their own copy of the books, so feel free to send it in if they have it. It's a fantastic tale of courage, adventure and faith.

It has been fabulous to see the children reading so well at home. Please continue to read with your children, asking questions and having conversations about the characters and events of the story. This helps them to develop their comprehension skills as well as fostering a love of reading.

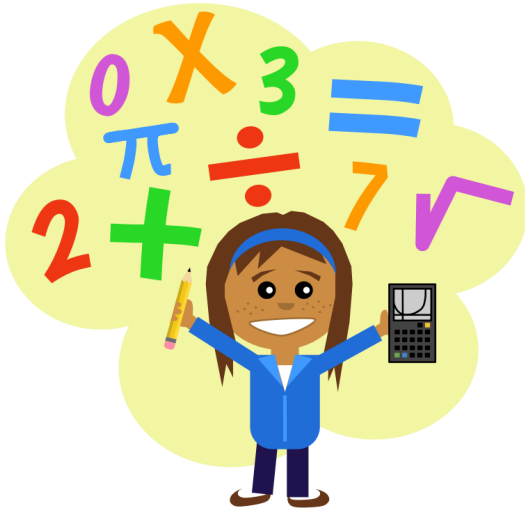
Further to this, we will also be focusing, during literacy sessions, on a number of comprehension strategies to support student's understanding of text and world. We will be examining the main idea of texts, along with identifying figurative language, the difference between fact and opinion, comparing and contrasting, making inferences and summarising.

Writing this term will see the students continue to look at the '7 Steps to Writing Success' in conjunction with the VCOP and Big Write Framework. These are approaches which can be applied to all genres. We will be focusing on the Persuasive and Procedural genres this term.

We will also be having a specific focus on spelling. The students will be revisiting some of the skills from previous years, such as syllabification and phoneme sounds, as well as learning new strategies to help with sounding out and spelling new and more difficult words.

# Numeracy

We will continue to encourage students to use a range of strategies when solving mathematical problems, justifying their answer/solution.



Some of the topics we will be covering this term include:

- Length and perimeter
- Worded Problems
- Patterns and Algebra
- Location and symmetry
- Multiplication and Division

## Faith Life

This Term our Faith Life topic is 'FOODASTIC!'

That's right! The Year 3s are going to become top chefs as they investigate the chemical and physical changes that happen to food when we cook it, when we compost it and when we alter it.

We will be discovering how food changes our bodies and exploring the effects of a good, or not so good diet, on our lives.

The students will become scientists as they make predictions and observations about the changes food undertakes over time. We will be

Social Justice leaders as we look at the food inequalities around the world, researching what we can do to assist those less fortunate than ourselves.



# Homework: Activities, reading diaries and Maths Mate.

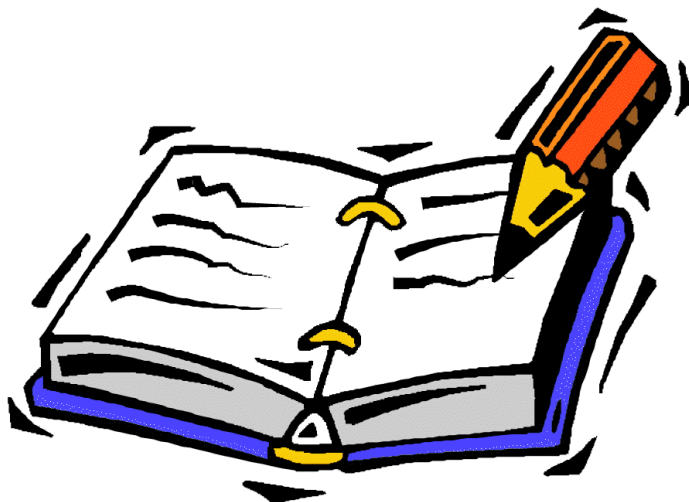
**Homework Activities** will be distributed fortnightly and collected on a Friday, unless otherwise stated. Students are to complete activities in their homework book. In line with our homework policy, **parents** are to correct and sign any work completed at home .

**MATHS MATE:** As part of their homework, students will be asked to complete 1 double sided Maths Mate sheet per week. This is to be handed in **every** Friday. Maths Mate sheets will be corrected in class with the teacher. Parents are **not** expected to correct the Maths Mate, but asked to sign in the parent signature area.

Please do not stress if your child is finding a task difficult, as we may not have covered it in class yet. If you highlight or asterisk the question/s, we will endeavour to go over them in class together, as there may be other children experiencing similar difficulties.

**READING DIARIES:** The children are expected to read every night and it is to be recorded in their reading diary. This must be handed in **EVERY** Friday

The timing for homework is a total of 30 minutes per night. The recommended breakdown could be a minimum of 15 mins of reading and 15 minutes of the other assigned activities.





# Uniform and Specialist's Days

At St Finbar's in Year 3, it is important that we continue to be wearing correct uniform with pride and modelling to the younger children the high standards that we uphold. A reminder that nail polish and jewellery are not to be worn to school. Earrings must be plain sleepers or studs.

**Please note that this term the day for sport has changed and it will now be taken on Tuesday for both classes**

## 3D

Tuesday - P.E. and Sport

Wednesday - Italian

Thursday - Art, Performing Arts

Friday - Library

## 3I

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## ICT

This year the grade 3's have been privileged with 1:1 Chromebook use. The children have thoroughly read, discussed and signed a contract outlining the rules and consequences of technology use at St. Finbar's. Throughout the year please be open with your child and have regular dialogue about the appropriate use of the internet in order to stay safe whilst being part of the online community.



# Communication

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to email or make an appointment with us if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Each teacher is also available via email:

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We hope that Term 2 will be a successful term of fun, cooperation and learning. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout 2018.

Thank you for your time and support.  
The Year 3 team.

Margy D'Rozario and Charlotte Ireland

