

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had an enjoyable break and are ready for some new learning. Thank you for attending our Parent/Teacher Interviews during the last week of Term 2. Term 3 is going to be a busy and exciting one in Grade 3.



The information below explains important events occurring in Term 3 and what our students will be learning about. Please read this newsletter carefully as it contains valuable information for you and your child.

IRAMOO SCHOOL CONCERT

This term we are very excited about the upcoming Iramoo Primary School Concert. The show is called ***The 'Iramoo Factor 2018'*** and will be held on **Thursday, August 9** at the Encore Events Centre, Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing. Each Grade 3 class will perform an item on the night. It is essential that all students attend and participate in the concert. Tickets are already on sale and can be purchased at our school office and are selling *very* quickly.

CURRICULUM

Literacy

Our main focus during **Reading** sessions this term is for students to understand what they read. Students will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and will be expected to identify and explain the differences between the two. They will also learn to identify the main ideas and text structure of non-fiction texts. Students will learn to use the main idea and supporting details to summarise what they read. Students will continue to choose *'just right'* books and will be expected to read independently every day.

This term in **Writing** sessions students will learn to write explanation texts and incorporate features of non-fiction texts in their writing. Fairy tales will be our other major focus. Students will be expected to plan, draft, revise, edit and publish pieces of writing. Students will continue to use their Writer's Notebooks to record their ideas. Our weekly spelling investigations will also continue this term.

Numeracy

During Term 3, we will be learning about many **Number & Algebra** topics including place value, number patterns, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money and fractions. Automatic responses to simple addition and multiplication problems will also be a focus. In **Measurement** and **Geometry**, students will be learning to measure and compare length. We will also be investigating symmetry and how to transform 2D shapes. Students will explore different types of graphs and learn to analyse and interpret the data that is represented.

Integrated Studies

This term in Grade 3 the learning focus is Science and our unit of work is called ***'Melting Moments'***. The unit provides students with the opportunity to explore how solids and liquids are influenced by temperature. Students experience the way items from their everyday lives can change. Through hands-on experiments, students investigate how the size of the object/substance effects the time it takes to melt.

ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM

This term the Grade 3 students will be taking part in a program called **Active Kids**. This nine-week program will be implemented in the Grade 3 classrooms. **Active Kids** is a Wyndham City Council initiative designed to encourage healthy eating habits and increase physical activity. Our students will also be involved in sport clinics, which will introduce them to the basic skills and understandings of various sports. **There is no cost for this program.**

HOMEWORK

We will continue to provide weekly Literacy and Numeracy homework for our Grade 3 students. These homework tasks are a revision of what has been taught the previous week. Homework tasks are explained in the classroom on Monday and need to be completed and returned by Thursday. Most Grade 3 students are responsible with completing and returning their homework by the due date. Some children still need to be reminded of this. If your child needs assistance with completing their homework please encourage them to ask for help, either from you or their teacher. Home reading is also a very important part of our homework routine. Please ensure that your child reads his/her take home book every night and returns their reading diary daily.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

Below is a brief outline of what all Grade 3 students will be learning this term in our specialist areas:

Visual Arts

Grade 3 students will explore puppetry and mixed media construction this term in Visual Arts lessons. They will begin with a unit on puppetry that will involve them making a calico hand puppet that they will later use in a performance developed in Performing Arts lessons. The task will take several weeks as students will need to plan before they paint and glue items to their puppet. They *will consider which materials and techniques will be most appropriate* as stipulated in the Victorian Curriculum for Visual Arts. The students will then move onto finger puppets. The skill focus will be on construction, drawing and painting.

Performing Arts

The Victorian Curriculum for the Arts states that *students should perform devised and scripted music, drama and dance to engage an audience*. The beginning of Term 3 will be spent preparing the students for our **major school concert** being held on **Thursday, August 9** at **Encore Events Centre**. The students will be involved in auditioning for parts, adding dialogue and ideas, developing choreography and performing. Any assistance from home given to the students with their rehearsal would be greatly appreciated. When the students' performance has reached a good standard they will begin a unit of work on puppetry that will involve making calico puppets, creating characters, developing scripts, adding sound effects and performing to various audiences. This complies with the Victorian Curriculum for Drama that stipulates that *students use voice, movement and language to create dramatic action and tension in devised drama*.

Physical Education (P.E.)

To begin Term 3, Grade 3 students will be learning the skills and game sense required for a number of team games and sports. As stated in the Victorian Curriculum, they will *explore the features of activities that meet their needs and interest* and will begin the term with a football unit. Students will then be exploring hockey where they will participate in isolated skill development such as dribbling and then have the opportunity to use these skills in modified games. During the latter part of the term students will have the opportunity to develop their ball rolling skills by playing lawn bowls, ten pin bowling and carpet bowls.

Digital Technologies

At the beginning of Term 3, the Grade 3 students will continue to edit and complete their storyboard picture storybook movies using a variety of creative features found in several familiar computer programs. When their iMovie projects are ready *to be viewed by an audience* in line with the Victorian Curriculum, the students will take part in a self-evaluation activity. The students will move onto conducting a survey of enjoyable leisure activities of their choice that help them to have a healthy body and a healthy mind. They will then have their second experience this year of using the Numbers spreadsheet program to collect and record class preferences. The survey data will be displayed in a table format accompanied by either a 2D or 3D graph representation.



Grade 3 Spanish Club

¡Hola y bienvenidos al término 3! I am very excited about returning to the role of the Spanish teacher at Iramoo while **Señora Arenas** is on maternity leave and having the opportunity to work with the students in the Spanish Club again. During Term 3, the Spanish Club will be held in our Computer Lab each Tuesday lunchtime. The students will continue to revise familiar topics such as **Greetings, Colours** and **Numbers** and also build new Spanish vocabulary related to the Grade 3 Integrated Curriculum topic of **Active Kids**. To assist with learning, remembering and correctly pronouncing key topic words in **Español**, the students will engage in a variety of fun songs and games and make a simple bilingual book about being active. **¡Hasta luego amigos!**

Señora Aquilina ☺



Science

Science is an essential area of learning that allows students to have an understanding of the world around them. At Iramoo this year there is once again a dedicated science teacher who leads the teaching of Science from Grade 1 to Grade 4. This is done alongside the students' classroom teacher and in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum focuses on scientific understanding and inquiry skills.

Grade 3 will begin with the topic **'Melting Moments'**. This topic will focus on observing, classifying and investigating solids and liquids. Students will look at what happens when solids and liquids are heated and cooled and whether these changes can be reversed. The children will observe and describe melting and freezing and make predictions using basic scientific vocabulary. They will get the opportunity to work in science learning teams to investigate a variety of questions including which liquid has the least viscosity (runniness) and start to make conclusions based on the results of an investigation.

****Spectators are welcome to take photographs at our school events but must of course be respectful of their use on social or other media, not taking or posting a photo of any child without permission from the child's parent/guardian.**