

Blue Hub News - Week 3 Term 1 2020

What a wonderful start to the term!

We look forward to meeting you all this week at the Meet and Greet interview.

Reminders/Upcoming Events

- Sport uniform is to be worn on Wednesday and Friday.
- Cyber Safety incursion on Thursday 20th February.
- Earthfest is on Friday 20th March.
- We encourage Nude Food daily.
- Please bring a box of tissues to the classroom teacher.
- Welcome Mass Friday 14th February.
- Dress up day Friday 21st February
- Reconciliation - October 2020 (details to follow later in the year)
- Year 3 Camp - 8th September 2020 (details to follow later in the year)
- Swimming program - 15 - 25th June

Homework

Homework will commence Week 3. This week homework has been printed and glued into your child's homework book. Modified homework tasks are in place for a few weeks until students become familiar with our spelling program.

Once set up, homework will be shared on Google Classrooms, which is a new program to the Year 3 area.

Please note:

*Students have two homework books which will alternate each week.

*Students will need to complete all tasks in their homework books, not on their ipads.

*Homework will be handed out and explained on a Friday at school and then students are to submit completed tasks, along with their reading journal on the following Friday.

*At this stage spelling tests will take place on Friday with students spelling words.

Reading

Students are required to read for 10-20 minutes at least four nights a week. Students are encouraged to fill in their reading journal each time they read. We would appreciate you taking the time to read with your child and sign their reading journal each week. Reading journals are to be handed up on a Friday with their homework books.



Ipads

A reminder that ipads need to be at school daily, fully charged and to support learning, ear phones will be required. Please sign and send back your Ipad User Agreement and Internet Usage Agreement.

Students will be partaking in a Cyber Safety incursion on Thursday 20th February.

Bushfire Assistance

As you will have read in the main newsletter on Friday 21st February, we will be having a dress up day where students are invited to come dressed as "Someone Who Cares for Others." This could be a firefighter, nurse, lifeguard, parent, grandparent, vet, friend etc....or even themselves. We ask that children use their own money to provide a gold coin donation on the day. We will also leave a donation box in the office for anyone who

wishes to contribute further. At the request of Alice in Year 6, whose grandfather lost his home in Malacoota, a portion of this money will also go to a wildlife organisation. If you have not read the email from Matt Hamer, Principal of St Brendan's PS, Lakes Entrance, please return to the main newsletter.

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday February 25th is Shrove Tuesday. This is the day before Ash Wednesday and traditionally was the day when all sugar and flour was used up before a period of fasting began in Lent. To acknowledge this tradition, students will be making pancakes in their classes. If you are available to assist with cooking, please email your child's teacher. If you have a lemon tree and would like to donate lemons, they would be greatly appreciated.

Earthfest - Friday 20th March 2020

This term, with Earth Fest, we are focused on "Sustainability". We are asking families to donate any of the following: football boots, basketball boots, dance shoes, wetsuits and sporting equipment such as cricket bats and pads, footballs, netballs, hockey sticks. Any sporting equipment that is no longer in use in your home but in good, working condition please drop into the Blue Hub portables.

Big Write Topic for Week 3



Big Write will take place on Wednesday morning.

Students will be given this picture prompt.

We would appreciate it if the students could have a discussion at home about a possible narrative they could write. You are not required to write their story with them, just have a discussion to support your child with ideas. They will write their story during Big Write time at school.

Some discussion starters may include:

- What is happening in the picture?
- Where is everyone going?
- Where has the polar bear come from?
- What are the people waiting for the tram thinking?
- What could happen to the bear in the city?
- What could go wrong in your story?

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Literacy:

This term in writing we will begin with a focus on Narratives. The children will be looking at the structures of a Narrative, developing an orientation, complication and a conclusion to engage the reader.

Students will also have a writing goal that will come from their Big Write sessions. These goals will focus on **Vocabulary**, **Punctuation**, **Connectives** and interesting **Openers**.

We will continue to focus on sustained reading and developing an enjoyment of reading.

Maths:

The focus for Maths will be Number and Place Value. This will include concepts such as reading and writing to the tens of thousands, expanding numbers and knowing their value, ordering numbers and modelling them on a number line, skip counting and rounding numbers.

Religious Education:

The focus for the beginning of the year across the school is working together in Faith, Hope and Love. We will look at ways that Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are and that together we can differences in the world. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed, changed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. This will connect to our Inquiry Unit on Civics and Citizenship.

Inquiry:

Our Inquiry Unit has a focus on Civics and Citizenship with a big question of 'How can working together build a community?'

Students will investigate features of our school and local community and how we work together. They will then expand their knowledge of the topic looking at local, state and federal governments with a focus on looking at how rules and laws are made.

Please refer to our Year 3 Information Booklet for further details.