



Year 3 Newsletter Term 4, 2025

Welcome to Term 4!

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun holiday. It has been wonderful to see the children return full of energy, smiles, and enthusiasm for learning. This term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with lots happening, including the Summer Festival and preparing our students for the step up into Year 4. We're excited to continue building on the amazing progress from last term and to support every child on their learning journey.

The Year 3 Team is as follows:

Charlene Boyd	Room 7
Melissa Erceg	Room 8
Adele Chichester	Room 30

Links to teachers' email addresses can be found on our school website.

Curriculum

Writing

This term, ākonga will build on their knowledge of sentence structure and grammar by applying these skills in purposeful and authentic contexts. They will be encouraged to write across a range of curriculum areas, using their writing to explain, describe and persuade in different subjects. Wherever possible, reading and writing will be closely connected so that ākonga can see how authors use language effectively and then transfer these strategies into their own writing.

Reading

We continue to build on our reading program, which focuses on developing strong foundations in phonics, decoding, and word recognition so that students grow into confident, fluent readers. By practising at their current level, children strengthen their speed, accuracy, and confidence. Families play an important role in this journey. We encourage you to read with your child or to your child for at least 20 minutes each night. Listening to fluent reading also helps grow vocabulary and deepen understanding. Some students will bring home a book or short passage once or twice a week, please ensure these are returned so that new materials can be sent home. Poetry Folders will also continue to go home every Friday. In class, we'll be extending essential literacy skills through a structured approach, with a strong focus on phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Spelling

Our Year 3 students have been enjoying daily lessons of The Code, as part of our structured literacy approach. These lessons are 20 minutes daily and focus on a particular spelling pattern weekly, as well as a review of the past spelling patterns learnt.

Maths

In Year 3, we continue to follow the Oxford Maths programme. Our approach combines whole-class lessons with small group work to support each child's learning needs. We also place a strong focus on problem solving and include rich tasks in our lessons to challenge students and deepen their mathematical thinking. Before starting a new topic, children complete a short pre-test, and after the lessons are finished, they complete a post-test so we can see the progress they've made.

We also continue to encourage children to practise their maths skills at home using the online *Mathletics* programme. Teachers may set specific activities for them to complete, or children can use *Live Mathletics* to strengthen their speed and accuracy with basic facts.

Inquiry

For our inquiry this term, *How we organise ourselves for a better future*, we are exploring how communities, whether made up of animals, people, or even machines work best when everyone helps and supports each other. We are learning that change can sometimes be challenging, but adapting and growing through it makes us stronger. Our actions also have an impact on the environment and the living things around us, so it is important to think carefully about the choices we make. By working together, adapting to change, and making responsible decisions, we can create a better future for

Uniform

Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform at school and all clothing items, including a hat for this term.

Communication

For any communication that requires action during school hours, such as collecting your child early, please contact the school office directly. Reminders will be sent out via Seesaw, while all other notices will be shared by email or sent home as a hard copy.

Important Dates:

Friday 17th October - Sports assembly, Loud shirt day

Monday 20th October- Book fair starts all week

Wednesday 22nd October- Book Parade

Thursday 23rd October - Strike day

Monday 27th October- Labour day

Monday 24th November - Year 3 Athletics

Friday 28th November - Sports Assembly

Friday 5th December - Summer Festival

Monday 15th December - Final assembly

Tuesday 16th December- Last day of term

Ngā mihi nui,
Year 3 Teachers