



Bacchus Marsh
Grammar

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term One Newsletter - Welcome to Year Three!

Welcome to the 2022 school year, especially to those of you who are new to the school this year. The 2022 Year Three teaching team consists of Miss Samantha Bowden (3WA), Miss Ashlee Taylor (3WB), Miss Kaitlin White (3WC) and Miss Zara Vaaulu-Andrews (3WD). We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year.

As students move from the early years towards the upper years of Junior School, it is vital for their development that they become more independent. As part of this learning process, we ask parents to help their child establish positive routines both at home and at school. Teachers will, as always, be available to assist in helping students to develop these positive habits.

Year Three Curriculum

The Year Three Curriculum has a large focus on Literacy and Numeracy. However, students will continue to study Information and Communication Technology, Physical Education and Art. In addition, children will participate in Global Studies, Music Performance, Science and Critical and Creative Thinking.

STAR Reading Program

This year we have introduced the STAR program. STAR stands for Students, Teachers – All Reading. This will occur for the first 15 minutes of every morning and will allow students to have uninterrupted reading time. Each classroom has a library with a range of books for the students to choose from. Students are also welcome to bring in a book from home to read during this time, we ask that they be clearly labelled.

School Diary

The school diary is a vital communication tool between parents and teachers. This is checked daily by classroom teachers and is often a quicker way to communicate than an email or phone call. Parents are expected to sign student's diary once a week, however, it is encouraged to check and initial their diary regularly as an effective way to monitor homework students have for the night.

Take Home Readers

For 2022 each student will be issued a BMG Reading Journal. These will be distributed in the coming weeks. More information about the Reading Journal will follow.

Year Three students are expected to take responsibility for changing their readers as needed. Classroom teachers will monitor student borrowing through

their Reading journal, which they will check and sign each week. Your child's reading level will be written in your child's diary. If their level changes, the classroom teacher will also record this in your child's reading journal.

Please feel free to write a note in the student diary if you find they have not swapped a completed reader.

Classroom Management

In Year Three we focus on the positive behaviour that we want students to display. All Year Three classes have a classroom management plan which looks at key areas such as communication, responsibilities, learning, property, movement and safety, conflict and attitude, rewards, and consequences.

We encourage your child to approach their teacher and discuss any difficulties they may have rather than rely on their parents/guardians to do this for them. We would appreciate it if you could assist in encouraging them to do so.

Homework

In Year Three, students are expected to complete around 30 minutes of homework each school night, from Monday through to Thursday. This homework is set to help students consolidate the skills they have learnt in their classes throughout the week, with an emphasis placed on the tidiness of the student's book work. Please find attached a timetable of the homework assigned each day, so you can monitor the tasks your child is expected to complete. Homework is completed on a nightly basis and submitted to the student's classroom teacher the following morning for correction.

We understand that students sometimes have other commitments after school. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to another commitment, please write a short note in their diary and we can arrange an alternative night to complete the set homework. If homework is incomplete or missing, without a written note from a parent or guardian, students will be expected to complete their homework at recess or lunchtime. Incomplete homework will also result in their diary being stamped. If a student receives five stamps in a term, they will receive a failure to submit work detention and a meeting with the Year Level Coordinator will be required.

*Please be aware that we expect students to be responsible for their homework. If students are unable to submit their homework due to their books being left at school, it will be deemed incomplete.

Term One Homework Timetable – Year Three

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Reading ~ 10 mins	Reading ~ 10 mins	Reading ~ 10 mins	Reading ~ 10 mins Reading journal entry
Spelling words	Spelling words	Spelling words	Spelling words
Times tables	Times tables	Times tables	Times tables

The main focus of homework will be on students' reading, spelling and times tables. Particular importance will be placed on reading and comprehension. This is enhanced by parents aiming to spend time every day to read with their child.

Later in Term One, short tasks will be added nightly to existing homework in preparation for Term Two where this will form part of their homework routine.

If, at any time, you have concerns that your child is not able to cope with the level or quantity of homework set, do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Term One Important Dates

Monday 7th February – Swimming Trials

Tuesday 15th February –Swimming Carnival

Monday 7th March – Staughton Vale

Monday 14th March – Labour Day (Public Holiday)

Friday 8th April – End of Term One

Tuesday 26th April – Students Commence Term 2

If you have any further questions, please feel free to discuss these with your classroom teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 3 Coordinator

Mrs. Sally Savic
Head of Junior school