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Welcome to Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

This year the class teachers are Mrs Lara Lenton (Assistant Principal, Relieving), Mrs Emma Horton, Mrs Felicity Walker, Miss Kelsi Phillips and Mrs Louisa Rio.

Over the next four terms we will be studying 'units of work': these are focus topics within our Key Learning Areas. We hope to be able to conduct excursions linked to these 'units', however this will depend on COVID circumstances. Excursions are listed below with approximate costs to help you budget and are subject to change or cancellation.

Term	Key Learning Area/Topic	Excursion	Cost
1	Science and Technology: <i>Getting Warmer</i>	Jollybops Science Show	\$10
2	History: <i>First Contacts</i>	Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney Museum, Sydney Tower Eye	\$50
3	Science and Technology: <i>Hidden Forces</i>	World of Maths	\$10
4	Geography: <i>Places are Similar and Different</i>	Gosford CBD Field Study	\$6

English: Students will be taught comprehension skills drawing on the *Focus on Reading* program and writing will follow *The Seven Steps to Writing Success* program. In addition to guided reading instruction, each term there will be an in-depth text study: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Unlikely Story of Bennelong and Phillip*, *Pictures Tell the Story* and *The Little Refugee*.

Maths: Students take part in the Basic Maths Facts program, which teaches facts and strategies for the four operations (+, -, x, ÷). They will also participate in daily multiplication practice using *Big Ideas in Number* concepts. This is a different way of teaching times tables – contact your class teacher if you would like specific information on this.

Scripture: Each 'odd' week (Week 1, 3, 5 etc) our school has scripture classes (COVID-dependent) on a Wednesday. There are three groups: Roman Catholic, Combined (all other Christian denominations) and 'non-scripture'. If you would like your child to change their attendance in one of these groups, please notify the school in writing.

Absences: It is a legal requirement that families explain a child's absence from school within one week of the absence. The free Wyoming Public School app has an option to message the school regarding absences, or you can send a note. Any leave (short or long term or partial i.e. part of a day) please provide a letter informing the school of your child's upcoming leave prior to period of absence. Late arrivals and early departures need to see office staff to be signed in/out. School begins at 8:55am.

Medical: If your child requires medication at school, contact the office to ensure your paperwork is current; this includes allergies, anaphylaxis and other health plans. **If your child is asthmatic, ensure the school has a copy of your child's Asthma Action Plan, as completed on the appropriate form by your doctor, and that the reliever kept by the office is in date.**

Home Reading: Daily home reading is the most powerful way you can support your child's education. Each child will receive a home reading log and be provided with books to read at an appropriate level (the level for home reading will be lower than the one in class as home reading is designed to be practice, not instruction). The expectation is that your child will read a *minimum* of four days each week. Listen, ask questions about the story and sign the log once per day, even if more than one book is read.

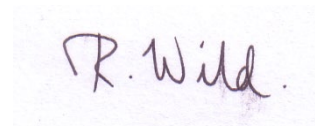
Homework: Homework across Stage 2 is daily home reading and times tables practice (multiplication). Tables can be practiced digitally (accessed via student email) and/or using flashcards (supplied by your child's teacher). Assignment information will be sent home via a special note each term. Teachers may set additional homework.

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher first via the school email or office switchboard and the message will be forwarded. We will respond as soon as possible but please be aware that teachers are often required to attend meetings and seminars before and after school and may be on playground duty during break times. We really appreciate you letting us know if circumstances change for your child (eg moving house, medical information

or social worries). To receive timely notices from school, or to contact the office on routine matters, download the free Wyoming Public School app (Android and iPhone) and enable notifications; we will post Stage 2 messages here regularly. Important notes will be sent home with your child and copies of these will be available from the school website should they mislay them. One paper newsletter per family will be sent home each fortnight with the oldest child and these are also available on the website.

We look forward to a positive partnership with you and your child this year.

Lara Lenton
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (REL.)
8 February 2022



Rebecca Wild
PRINCIPAL



Welcome to 3P with Miss Kelsi Phillips

It has been an exciting time meeting and getting to know each student in 3P. For those families I have not yet met, my name is Kelsi Phillips. I promote a classroom of creativity and collaborative learning where students are encouraged to ask questions, think critically and try their personal best in every aspect of their education. The list below will help you prepare for the year ahead.

MONDAY Personal Development and Health (PDH) (with Mrs Sturgess)

THURSDAY Library (with Mrs Walton) please bring a book bag (an old Books in Homes bag is ideal)

Equipment needs to be labelled and brought every day:

- lead pencils
- sharpener
- textas
- ruler – 30cm long; *no bendy, metal, tape-measure or folding rulers please*
- *NO liquid paper (tape or brush)*
- clipboard (for homework, use outside the classroom and for group work)
- Old shirt or t-shirt to protect uniform during Art lessons
- hat (for play, outdoor learning, fitness and sport)
- drink bottle
- scissors (not mini)
- eraser
- box of tissues for class
- glue sticks
- coloured pencils
- pencil case

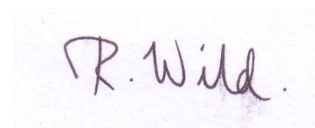
Home Reading is expected to occur at least four days each week. Home reading will be checked every morning and students who read will accumulate tokens. These tokens help students obtain a principal's award and attend the Principal's Award Afternoon.

Sport will take place weekly. Hats are compulsory.

Birthdays: If you choose to send a treat to share with classmates on your child's birthday, please ensure they are in *sealed individual packages* (such as a bulk bag of Freddos). This is due to COVID considerations; please do not send items you have packaged yourself. There are 25 students in the class.

I look forward to working with you to achieve the best possible outcome for your child.

Kind regards,



Kelsi Phillips
CLASS TEACHER
8 February 2022

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PRINCIPAL