



3/4M Term 1 2021 Class Newsletter

1st February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you back to Cudgen Public School for another great school year! I will be back in the classroom from next Monday, but may need Wednesdays off this term due to my health issues. Lisa Kennedy will take the class in my absence to ensure continuity.

Your child is in store for many meaningful and challenging experiences. I feel strongly, that in order for the school year to be successful, it is necessary for the child, teacher and parents/carers to work closely together throughout the school year. I would like you to know that I have high expectations for each student. I want to nurture each student's love of learning. I strive to provide a positive and safe environment that is conducive to learning, while being a fun and exciting place to be.

Classdojo

This year we will be again using Classdojo as a means of communication and connection to the classroom. For parents that connected last year you will already be connected to our new classroom. For those of you new to Classdojo a code will be sent home which will allow you to connect to our classroom. Classdojo provides a snap shot into our daily activities with photos and messages to keep you up to date with what is happening in 3/4M. It is also a reward system for the children to collect points towards end of term rewards. In addition to this it provides a message service so you can contact me if needed. Classdojo was a great success last year and I am looking forward to utilising it again this year.

Homework & Home Reading

Homework will be given out at the beginning of the week and needs to be handed back in each Friday. The homework will give children practice with their spelling words and timetables. Homework is an important part of your child's schooling life and we strongly encourage parents to ensure their child completes it.

Students are strongly encouraged to take a home reader as part of their homework. They may also read a book of their own choice. Please record this on their Home Reading log which has been sent home with their homework this week.

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Rewards

We will be implementing a range of reward systems whereby students who do the right thing, produce quality work, give 100% etc. will be acknowledged. This is designed to inspire a positive mindset and encourage independence, teamwork, resilience and a positive attitude to learning.

National Testing

You will be aware that Year 3 is a year where a national test in Literacy and Numeracy is administered, NAPLAN. This will take place in Week 3 Term 2. Practice tests and preparation will take place later this term to make sure the students are ready for the assessments.

Class supplies

The following supplies will be required for your child:

- Glue Stick
- Packet of Textas
- Lead Pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Red and Blue Pens (Yr 4 once they have received a pen license)
- Headphones
- USB stick
- Hand Soap
- 2 plastic document envelopes – 1 for Homework and 1 for class mathematics.
- Box of Tissues

It would be great if these items could be brought in as soon as possible and be clearly labelled.

Fruit Break

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. They are allowed to have this on their desk if it has water in it. No frozen water on desks please unless wrapped in a suitable cover. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to have for Fruit Break. This is in the morning and is eaten in the classroom so an appropriate non-messy piece of fruit would be appreciated.

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Book Covering

It will not be necessary to cover student's books as this will be completed at school.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate each child's birthday and we are more than happy to have cake, muffins or ice blocks brought in to the class, please just ensure there is enough for all class members. For your reference, there are 25 students in 3/4M.

Library and Music

Ms. Punch will again take the students for Library on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Laurie will also take the students on Tuesday mornings for an hour of Music.

Sport

The 3-6 swimming program begins this Friday at Casuarina Rec Club. The program will run for 8 weeks. Please ensure notes have been returned if you would like your child to participate.

Those students not going swimming will remain at school for sport with Mr Baxter (AFL/Touch Football) or Ms Togo (Soccer/Netball).

Our school swimming carnival is scheduled for next Friday 12th February, at Casuarina Rec Club. Due to COVID restrictions, parents are not able to attend this year unless they are volunteers to assist with running of the carnival. The note will come home in the next day or so.

Excursions

We are looking to book 2 Stage 2 excursions for this year. We are in the process of booking Camp Goodenough at Bilambil for Term 4. We are also looking to book a day excursion for early this year. Both excursions are subject to change however, and more information will follow.

Just a reminder about our 'No Hat No Play' policy, please make sure that your child has a wide brimmed hat and that all their clothing is clearly labelled. Please also ensure your child is on time to the start the day.

We understand that this is a very busy time of year and appreciate your support in preparing your child for the year. Please remember that your thoughts, concerns and questions are always important. Do not hesitate to contact me at school or via Classdojo once you have connected and we will make a time to chat.

Regards,

Amber McEwan.

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