

GRADE 3/4 NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 2015

Welcome to Term 3 in the 3/4 area.

UNIT- This term our unit is '**AVOIDING EXTINCTION**', with a particular focus on the marine environment.



Through this unit the students will develop an understanding that:

- All life forms, including human life, are connected through ecosystems on which they depend for their wellbeing and survival.
- Actions for a more sustainable future reflect values of care, respect and responsibility, and require us to explore and understand environments
- Sustainable futures result from actions designed to preserve and/or restore the quality and uniqueness of environments

The children will work on a variety of group and individual tasks and projects. As you are aware, we are visiting the Melbourne Aquarium this Friday July 31 to see these marine creatures. Please ensure that you have read all the information which has been sent home regarding this excursion.

BOOK WEEK - WEEKS 5 & 6



Over the coming weeks, students will be involved in creating their own books. The students in the 3/4 area will focus on creating their narrative about a marine creature. There will be a **MULTI AGE ACTIVITY DAY** on **THURSDAY AUGUST 20** where

children will take part in various activities with children from Prep – 6. Please refer to the **Calendar of Events** below for further information.

CAMP – PHILLIP ISLAND AUGUST 26– 28 (WEEK 7)



Information about camp was distributed in the first week of this term. **ALL MEDICAL AND CONSENT FORMS are due back to school on FRIDAY JULY 31.** Please read this information very carefully and ensure that you return all forms as requested as it is essential that all information is collected and shared in preparation for camp. Further information will be sent home over the coming weeks.

We have set up a **CAMP BLOG** that you are welcome to visit. We will add more information when we are on camp. The link is <http://grade34camp.global2.vic.edu.au/>

HOMEWORK

As you may have noticed, our Write to Read homework is changing. The focus is on developing the children's understanding of the rules and their ability to use these rules when spelling unfamiliar words. Not only are the children learning a new rule each week, but they are also revising and practising the rules that have already been taught. The Maths homework has continued to focus on developing problem solving strategies. Each fortnight the problem solving tasks will alternate between maths problem solving questions and using the Edustar apps on the students' netbooks to develop their ICT problem solving and coding skills. We also encourage the students to complete Mathletics maths tasks which relate to our focus each week. Students all have their Mathletics login details. Mathletics can be accessed on any computer or tablet with Internet.

MARINE CREATURE PROJECT

Children will be working on their project for the next 4 weeks at home. This project is related to our study of the marine environment. It is important that the children choose one of the creatures listed on the project as these will be the animals that they will see at the aquarium. The project asks the children to find out about their chosen animal through using both websites and books to help them. We encourage you to work with your child

as they learn about their marine creature. However it is important that your child completes the project themselves as they will be assessed on the content and their presentation.

REMINDERS

Please ensure that your child completes their homework each week. Children are responsible for bringing all the necessary items home in order to complete their tasks. This includes charging their netbook so that it is ready for the following day. Children are also responsible for recording what they have read in their reading diary so that you can sign it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday July 29	African Drumming
Thursday July 30	NED show and yo yos
Friday July 31	Excursion to Melbourne Aquarium
	All camp medical forms to be returned
Wednesday August 5	African Drumming
Thursday August 6	Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday August 12	African Drumming
Friday August 14	Book Week Incursion – Tony Bones theatre Company
Thursday August 20	Book Week Multi Age Day
Friday August 21	Book Week Parade – dress up as a book character
Tuesday August 25	District athletics
Wednesday August 26 – Friday August 28	Camp – Phillip Island
Wednesday September 2- Thursday September 3	Science & Technology Fair
Thursday September 3	Fathers’ Day Stall
Friday September 4	JSC State Schools Relief Uniform free day
Thursday September 4	Father’s Day Stall
Tuesday September 8	3 /4 Planning Day
Footy Day	To be confirmed
Wednesday September 16	Student led conferences
Friday September 18	End of term 3

As always, if you have any concerns please arrange a time to discuss this with your child’s teacher.

Thank you,
The 3/4 team