



Monday 9th October 2017

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome to our final Term newsletter for 2017,

We formally welcome Miss Tali Mason into 3KA as Mrs Adam has taken her family leave.

During Reading Workshop we will continue Book Club where students read novels and then in small groups, discuss their thinking with their peers. We will also be reading and studying texts related to our Inquiry topic, Amazing Australia. In Writing, our focus will be on information reports and narratives where students will be planning, writing and editing texts. Students will continue the Words Their Way Spelling Program. Our handwriting lessons will introduce and consolidate the formation of linked Victorian Cursive Writing script.

Mathematics this term will focus on fractions, decimals and the four processes. Additionally, we will be studying angles, probability and mapping concepts and skills. Fluency activities will further develop automatic response of number facts and tables.

As part of the Sport program, the Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in Summer Cup. The students will be divided into 16 teams based on their houses and will compete in eight different games such as netball, rounders and T-ball. Year 4 students will be chosen to lead the teams, providing them with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Our geographical inquiry will develop the students' understanding of place, through examining the major characteristics of Australia and their neighbouring countries.

The wellbeing curriculum program will focus on our school values. The buddy program will continue for the year 4s and the year 3s will participate in the kindergarten to prep transition program.

Weekly homework expectations are:

- One *Homework Contract* to be completed
- Reading five times a week (journals to be filled in with a reflective comment)
- Mathematics to revise and support understanding of mathematical concepts

Please note: The *Homework Contract* and reading journal are to be signed by parents/guardians.

Reminders for Term 4

- Melbourne Cup public holiday is on Tuesday 7th November and the school will be closed
- The final day of Term 4 is on Friday 22nd December finishing at 1:30pm
- Please check *Compass* regularly for information regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms
Student absences must be recorded by parents
- Ensure iPads are updated regularly and appropriate amounts of storage are available for ongoing use. iPads are to be fully charged each day
- If you are taking your child out of school on a family holiday please enter the dates into *Compass* and inform your child's teacher
- At the end of the year all books go home with students and teachers will need to know in advance if your child is leaving early so they can prepare their school materials

If you have any questions during the term, please contact your class teacher.

Looking forward to another fantastic term.

The Middle School Teachers