
Glenmore Park



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Dear Parents/Carers

STAGE THREE GRADE NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome back to the school year. The teachers for Stage Three for this year are-

4/5K - Mr Kirby

5C - Miss Carter

6B - Mrs Ballas

5G - Mrs Grant

6C - Mrs Hughes/Mrs Chaulk

5H - Miss Honess

6M - Mr Martin

Class Requirements

The following items are needed for your child to take part fully in day to day activities in Year 5 and 6-

- 2 pencil erasers
- 4 HB pencils
- Barrel type pencil sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Medium point coloured textas (no permanent markers)
- 5 blue pens, 2 red pens (no felt tip)
- 1 standard wooden senior 30cm ruler (not metal or "bendy" plastic)
- Calculator
- 2 Large glue sticks
- Homework Book-covered-A4 size
- Oxford or Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus
- Geometry Set
- Safety Scissors
- A4 document folder
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Roll of paper towel
- USB/Memory Stick

Personal Belongings

It is very important that children keep their personal items clearly labelled with their name and class. Items such as hats, jumpers, raincoats, lunchboxes, drink-bottles, work items, books etc can usually be returned quickly when a name is clearly displayed. Please note, broad-brim hats are to be labelled clearly inside the hat. No writing is to be on the outside of the school hat. It is important that children are encouraged to develop skills to become responsible for themselves and their possessions.

Book Club

Book Club is available for the students usually twice a term. It is due back to school the following week and takes about two weeks to be delivered. ALL orders are to be completed online. Information on ordering is included with the order form.

Parent Helpers

This year the Stage Three classes will be looking for parents to help out in a variety of activities to support their children's education. This includes reading, small group activities, sport, transportation etc. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in giving up some of your time. All helpers are required to complete a Working With Children declaration form and provide 100 points of ID before commencing.

NAPLAN

Year 3/5 are NAPLAN years. In Week 3, Term 2 the students will be required to undergo nation-wide testing in Numeracy and Literacy. The results of these are compared across the nation and are then sent to you and the school later in the year.

History and Geography Units

This year your child will be studying a variety of focus areas in History and Geography, drawn from the different disciplines of these subjects such as societal change, government, diverse and connected world. Listed below is a term timetable of units to be studied in Year 5 and 6 in History and Geography during the year.

History

Term 1- The Immigrant Experience

Term 2- Indigenous Australians

Geography

Terms 3 & 4 – Factors that shape places

Science Units

Science units of study are listed below. These are drawn from the different strands of Science study such as geology, biology, botany etc.

Term One - Desert Survivors

Term Two - Solids, Liquids, Gases

Term Three - Earth's Place in Space

Term Four - Essential Energy - Light Fantastic

Personal Development/Health/ Physical Education

Stage Three will work in a variety of areas of PD/Health/PE this year taught by Sports in Schools Australia each fortnight on a Wednesday (even weeks). In addition to PSSA and School Sport, Stage Three will work on the following areas in their classes this year.

Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term four
Cross Country Training	Athletics	Fitness/Game Techniques	Year 6-Dancing

Our Release from Face to Face Teachers this year will be Ms Whitby, Mrs White, Miss Oudkerkpool and Mrs Findlay teaching English, Science and Music.

Homework

Each week your child will receive homework activities composing of spelling, maths and times table study, oral speaking and reading practice. We seek your support in ensuring that this homework is completed and returned to your child's class teacher upon completion. Please contact your child's class teacher if your child is consistently coming home with no homework so the situation can be rectified. Homework is a stage expectation and will be monitored and reported on.

Uniform

Children are to be dressed in full school uniform including broad-brim hat each day. Children should wear hard wearing school shoes/laced up joggers. Variations to the uniform during the year are not permitted and parents will be contacted if this occurs.

Awards

Each class has its own practices of earning points that can be traded for an Orange Award. Once five of these are collected they are handed in to the class teacher who will trade them for a Blue Award. Four Blue Awards are handed in and traded for a Silver Award, which is recorded on the school data system, and presented at the next available Assembly, to which parents are invited. Students who earn three Silvers trade these for a Gold Award and when two Golds are gained, an Honour Award is achieved. Students achieving this level are rewarded at the Presentation Day Assembly and with publication in the school's newsletter.

Crunch and Sip

On a healthy note, we will continue to participate in a whole school healthy eating program called 'Crunch and Sip'. At 10 o'clock each morning, when energy levels need a boost, students are allowed to eat a piece of fruit and/ or have a drink of water in class.

Medical Information

Please ensure that the school has information on your child's medical needs including emergency contacts and current phone numbers and please up-date if details change during the year.

Internet Use

Parents are asked to ensure that they supervise their children's use of the internet during their time in Stage Three. The internet can be used as a tool for research and study but increasingly, issues are occurring at school as a result of the use of social networking sites at home. Close parental supervision of their children's use of the internet will prevent these from occurring. For further information about keeping your child safe online, parents can access the Federal Government website at Cybersmart.gov.au

If you had a question that was not answered please contact your child's teacher through the office. We look forward to a close relationship that encourages and develops your child's learning and development.

Mr Martin

ON BEHALF OF THE STAGE THREE TEACHERS

Natalie Mansour

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