

Grade 3 Blackwood



Information Booklet 2016

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

just a note to welcome your family to Grade 3 Blackwood for 2016. Mrs Amanda Belbin will be on class Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Beresford will be teaching on Wednesdays. We are both looking forward to the year ahead and are sure that it will provide many positive experiences for us, you and your child. We strongly believe that education for our children works best if there is close communication and support between school and home, so if you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact or drop in to see us.

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Mrs B's Teaching Philosophy.

My personal philosophy regarding education is grounded in the principle that all human beings are individuals worthy of dignity and respect and should be treated accordingly; every child is important and their education matters. I strongly believe that one teacher can make a difference, and a committed teacher will constantly strive to do the best that they can. I believe that learning must take place in a nurturing environment governed by respect; the classroom must be a community of learners where children feel safe to take risks, cooperate with one another and willingly share ideas. I strongly believe that education works best if family, school and student work together as a

team supporting each other to provide the best possible outcomes for our children.

Homework Routine

In Grade 3 students will be expected to complete a small amount of homework on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Homework will consist of Mental Maths and ten minutes of levelled reading per night (to be recorded in Communication Diary). Additionally, at times we will set random research challenges for students. Homework should not cause any undue stress for you or your child but should be a time to form good routines and reinforce classroom learning. Whilst the homework consists mostly of revision of dedicated areas of class work, your co-operation with making it part of a routine is greatly appreciated. Homework will be marked on a daily basis so please ensure that completed work is returned to school each day.

As a parent myself I also understand that there are times when the homework routine is interrupted for one reason or another and on these occasions a short note in your child's diary will be sufficient.

*If your child does not have a **homework bag** as yet they are available at the uniform store and are an important part of keeping homework, diary and notes together.*

Communication Diary

*We will be having a communication diary in 3 Blackwood this year. This will be kept in your child's homework bag. Homework and school notes will be put in the bag and any classroom messages will be written in the book. **Please check your***

child's diary every night and if you need to convey any messages please feel free to write it in the relevant day as we will also check diaries on a daily basis.

Healthy Eating

As part of our healthy eating plan in Blackwood, children will be encouraged to have a short fruit break at about 10.00 each day. At this time your child will be encouraged to eat some fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese or yoghurt. We do allow children to have their water bottles in the classroom so they are able to access it when needed throughout the day.

Specialist Times

Tuesday: *Music*

Wednesday: *Library & Chinese*

Thursday: *Physical Education*

Curriculum Areas

In Grade 3 Blackwood we will be working hard through all of the Australian Curriculum Areas. These areas include:

Literacy, Numeracy, Science, HASS (History and Social Sciences), Arts, Music, Physical Education, LOTE (Chinese) and Religion.

Talking Circle

In Grade 3 Blackwood all students will be taking part in talking circle each Monday morning, this will take the place of show and share sessions. During talking circle students will have the opportunity to verbally share important events in their life (past, present or future). It would be helpful if over the weekend you could briefly discuss something your child may like to share during this time. Talking circle is designed to assist students to build on their speaking and listening skills in a safe and comfortable environment.

Amanda Belbin & Heather Beresford