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Welcome Back to Term 3!

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With an interesting start to school for Term 3, we are excited to continue our journey of learning into Semester 2 for 2021.

During the lockdown, we continued to touch base with our students and families to provide support to continue learning and check in with health and wellbeing. It was fantastic to listen to some of our students read over the phone or submit photos of their learning through Class Dojo.

Throughout Term 3, students will continue to have individual and explicit learning goals to work towards and will be engaging in differentiated learning activities in the classroom through a range of whole class and small group experiences.

We look forward to monitoring your child's progress and sharing this with you as the term progresses. If you have any questions about how you can further support your child's learning, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's classroom teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri, 6 August 2021

Principles Day

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Increasing student talk in the classroom

This term teachers are having a focus on increasing student talk in their lessons

Why do we want students talking more?

I know when I was at school I was much more excited about the learning when I was actively involved in a discussion or an activity than when the teacher was out the front talking lots and telling us what we needed to know. This is backed up by students when providing feedback about what they do and do not enjoy at school.

The research supports this. They have found that students' comprehension, engagement, and test scores improve when they get to discuss what they are learning. It has been shown that we tend to only remember about 5 percent of what is told to us but 70 percent of what we say. It is pivotal that students are talking about their learning.

John Hattie's research has shown that teachers often do up to 90% of the talking in a classroom which makes us wonder if this is the best practice for student engagement and learning.

What does this mean for our classrooms?

Teachers will be adding tasks into their lessons that promote student discussions. They will be using an App to track their teacher talk vs student talk and use this as a guide to improve their practice around student talk. Some of the things teachers will be doing to increase student talk is to use more open ended questions and tasks, checking in for understanding and have students explaining or demonstrating their knowledge, to provoke discussions student they will use tasks such as think, pair share and conversation circles and asking probing questions.

What can you do?

As parents you can talk to your child about what they are learning at school and get them to explain their understanding of topics. Use your classroom newsletter to know the topics the teachers are teaching and ask questions about them. Share your understanding of the topic and do some research about the topics together. The more your student explores and talks about their learning the better their understanding of it will be.



*Michael, Elijah and Emma
Experimenting together*



*Kayla, Aaliah & Bainca
researching together*



Jett, Mason & Callum

Community



Reminders

Covid 19

As we welcome our students back to school after the lockdown, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for being so understanding with saying goodbye to all students at the gate and supporting the guidelines set by the Department of Education.

School Uniform

A friendly reminder in regard to school uniform. Students should be wearing black pants and a red polo t-shirt. A red jacket or jumper completes the uniform. We do sell uniform items at school. Please enquire at the front office. The uniform is a requirement at school and the guidelines have been set by our Governing Council.

School Card

A reminder to all our families who still need to fill out the application for school card. You can visit www.sa.gov.au to complete your form online. We also have hard copies of the School Card forms in the front office. The last date to apply is 10 November 2021.