



Nedlands Primary School

EXPERIENCE THE OPPORTUNITIES

Year Three Term 1 – 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I think we all agree that we have had a very busy start to the year. We have all been working hard in English on our writing, reading - embarking on Literacy Pro, grammar and spelling. In Maths we have continued working to revise basic facts and mental strategies, length and time. We looked at Heat in Science and Celebrations, Commemorations and State emblems/flags of Australia in HASS.

This term has had a major focus on swimming with two weeks of swimming lessons, before school training, the Inter-House Swimming Carnival and the Interschool Carnival with the Year Threes graduating to senior school status.

The children have taken on the challenge of learning a new language (French), with enthusiasm and interest. Recorder (and violin/viola for some students) has been an exciting addition to the music program for Year Three.

Homework for this term has been:

- reading orally for five - ten minutes to an adult - sign diary
- spelling - one list and associated activities per night
- mathletics - tasks set to revise work covered in class
- discussions and preparation for persuasive writing.

Diaries are checked regularly and a reward will be given to students for reading. Children are required to go on-line and do a quiz on their Lit Pro book once they have finished reading it. Progress is monitored. **Thank you for your assistance in monitoring your child's homework. It has been invaluable and has helped to develop their homework routine.**

Year Threes will be participating in the BUZ program in Term 2, conducted by the School Chaplain. N.A.P.L.A.N. is in Week 3, 9th – 11th May. We will also be having a First Aid Incursion from St John's Ambulance and Lapathon in Week 4. In Week 5 we have a Space Dome Incursion from Scitech as we are focusing on Earth's Place in Space and Simultaneous Story Time. We are also having a visit from Japinka Art Gallery in Week 6 to tie in with our Aboriginal Studies in HASS and a Smart Money talk in Week 8. As you can see it is developing into a very busy term but hopefully a stimulating and enjoyable learning term.

Science as a Human Endeavour, is a part of the curriculum and we would value the input of any parent who would be able to give first-hand experience of how science is a part of their daily life/employment. Please see Mrs Paterson by Week 2, so that she can integrate your experience into our Science Program.

Room 15 have their assembly in Week 4, 19th of May and Room 8 in Week 9, 23rd of June.

We encourage you to have family discussions over the holidays to continue to develop persuasive thinking strategies and descriptive language for narrative writing. Mathletics will remain open over the holidays if families would like to take advantage of this opportunity to catch up.

Most of all take time to relax, sleep in, have fun and stay safe.

Year Three Teaching Team.