**GRADE 3 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Can I be a parent helper?**

We are very interested in parents coming on board to help out in class. When, where and for how long is something you will need to discuss with your child’s individual teacher. We are looking for any interested parents as soon as we have established our routines with the students. All parents wishing to be a parent helper need a current working with children check. Forms for these checks can be found at the post office.

There will also be opportunities to attend excursions.

**When is homework due?**

In Term 1 there is weekly homework set, which is due on Thursday of each week. The tasks in term 1 will focus on reading each night, a maths share game and some form of writing/reflection.

**When should my child change their home reading book?**

Whenever they need to! This helps to build independence and encourages the children to take responsibility for their learning. There will be time made available each day when students can change their books. We encourage and promote appropriately levelled books so if you find the books are too difficult, please let us know and we can help them choose the right books.

**When is NAPLAN and what does it involve?**

NAPLAN is a government based assessment which takes place in grade 3, 5 and 7. This year it takes place in Term 2, from the 12th of May until the 14th of May. NAPLAN covers maths, spelling, reading, writing and language conventions. We will be preparing for NAPLAN on a daily basis as part of our classroom program. If you have any concerns or wish to find out more about NAPLAN please come and see us.

**Is there a reward system in Grade 3?**

Reward systems are individual to each class. These can come in the form of individual, table or class points.

**How will my child be individually catered for in class?**

Your child will be involved in small group focuses and one-to-one conferencing on an ongoing basis in grade 3. They will have individual goals set for them based on identified areas of need which will be checked regularly. All tasks set are carefully planned and prepared with the needs of the students in mind.
What specialists does my child have and on what day?

There is a timetable of your child’s specialist classes which will be displayed in their diaries. There will be the very occasional situation where a specialist day might be changed. Teachers will let students know of any changes as soon as they find out.