

Year 3/4 Newsletter Term 1 2022



Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to Term 1, 2022! We have many exciting educational activities planned and are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning! Our learning team this year is: Silvana Jancesvki Room 1 Mary Zaikis Room 3 Natasha De Domenico Room 2 Nicole Aiello and Angela Truong 4 Room and Mel O'Rielly and Monica McHugh Room 21.

The Findon Values

We continue to focus on the 5 core values that Findon Primary School has established for a safe, happy and strong learning environment. 'Student of the Week' certificates will be awarded to one student from each class, every week for showing the school values of Care and Compassion, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Doing Your Best. Students displaying the values in class will be recognised by their teacher/s and may be rewarded for their great efforts and outstanding behaviours.

Compass

The Compass parent portal is now widely used to share information with you. Please check notifications regularly as this is where events are posted such as incursions and excursions, weekly newsletters, specific information and school activities.

Writing

In Term One students will work on snapshot, narrative and persuasive writing and editing a complete piece of work within a specific timeframe. Students will explore the writing traits of 'ideas', 'sentence fluency', 'word choice' and 'organisation' through a variety of different genres. Writing stamina will be a focus in each class every day.



Reading

Reading and Viewing activities will focus on establishing the routines and expectations of the reading workshop as well as specific skills focusing on summarising, searching for and using information and inferring. Students will continue to participate in independent reading on a daily basis with an aim to build their reading stamina and work on their personal reading goals. As part of the home reading program, students are encouraged to continue to read aloud in order to practise their phrasing and fluency. Reading for pleasure for extended periods of time is also highly recommended.

Mathematics

We begin this term, with a strong focus on Quantifying Numbers, such as

- Investigating the use the properties of odd and even numbers
- Recognise, represent and order numbers to at least tens of thousands
- Apply place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to at least tens of thousands to assist calculations and solve problems
- Investigate number sequences involving multiples of 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9. We will also focus on addition and subtraction strategies.

Other important areas of focus will include measuring time through reading and recording time through an analogue clock and converting analogue time to digital time, interpreting and analysing data through appropriate methods of collecting evaluating and displaying data through tables, picture graphs and column graphs.

All students have been given their Mathletics log in details and Mathletics should be used at home to practise the skills being covered in the classroom. Remember, students can earn a certificate on Mathletics by earning 1000 points in a week. A great goal for students to set!

Inquiry

Our Inquiry unit this term is focused on Earth and science understanding. Students will learn about the Earth's rotation on its axis and how it causes regular changes, including night and day. Students will be modelling the relative sizes and movement of the Sun, Earth and Moon through hands on activities and describing timescales for the rotation of the Earth and constructing sundials and investigating how they work. To continue our learning in inquiry this term, the staff have organised an excursion to Science Works on Thursday 17th February. Please ensure you accept the permission form via Compass as soon as possible.



Respectful Relationships

This term, students will build on their emotional literacy by developing an understanding of the influences that people, situations and events have on their emotions and develop on their ability to interact positively with others in different situations. Students will identify, use and celebrate their personal strengths and identify skills and strengths they wish to develop.

Homework

Students will be given a homework grid to complete over the term. Each week students will complete a maths task and either a literacy/reading task or a research task connected to our Inquiry unit. These tasks are expected to take, on average, about 15 to 30 minutes each. They are designed to allow success and we encourage parental involvement in these tasks. **Home Reading is a daily expectation, with students expected to read for around 20 minutes most nights.** Students are expected to fill in their reading log nightly and hand this in to their classroom teacher weekly.

Student Wellbeing

Absences – 'Everyday Counts!'

A reminder to send a note to school or let the office know, when your child is away for any reason. If the absence is known about before the day, please inform the classroom teacher. While it is important that any child who is sick remains at home, we encourage families to keep track of absences. Parents of any student/s with an unexplained absence will be notified on the day of absence. We encourage all students to be at school by 8.45am ready to begin their morning process which each class has organised. This allows students to be on time and ready to start the school day at 9:00am.



Health and Nutrition

Students are expected to follow Findon's 'Healthy Eating' policy - **half a sandwich and a piece of fruit at recess, the rest of the sandwich and healthy snacks at lunch;** with water encouraged throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast to enable them to concentrate at school without being hungry. Friday continues to be 'Rubbish Free Friday', so please try to send lunch boxes without any packaging.



Canteen

The canteen is open for lunch orders and over the counter sales each day of the school week. When ordering, please be mindful of 'green' foods, representing those foods that can be eaten often, and 'amber' foods, representing those foods that should be eaten occasionally.

Netbooks

Netbooks are coming...watch this space you will be updated via Compass as soon as we know.

TISSUES



We would greatly appreciate it, if each family could donate a box of tissues for classroom use by the students. Tissue boxes empty out quickly during each term!

Masks

Please ensure your child comes to school with a mask everyday that is fitting to their face to wear inside during learning time. A spare mask would be beneficial for students to keep in their bags.

Kitchen Garden Program

The Kitchen Garden program provides fantastic learning opportunities for all of the students in Years 3 and 4. Kath Jones brings an enormous amount of environmental science expertise to the position and we really value her commitment to the program. If you can volunteer for one of the Kitchen Garden sessions, we would all really appreciate it. Please note that Kitchen Garden will be on a rotating two week roster this year.

Kitchen Garden News

The students are SO excited to get into the kitchen and this term we will be working through some exotic menus to spark curiosity and tantalise the senses. Our first menu we will be celebrating the Luna New Year with a gorgeous little yum cha feast. We will also be making some lunch box recipes that I hope the students will want to make at home. Our Summer harvest to be celebrated will be Spaghetti Squash, Tomatoes, Thai eggplants, Cape Gooseberries, Beans, Corn and we also have Anasazi corn, that will be a surprise for the students when they peel back the husk to reveal rainbow kernels! Our hot house is quickly filling up with our Autumn seedlings and the students have been learning about Moon planting, phases of the Moon and the Moons influence on water.

We hope to welcome back volunteers very soon and if you would like to help out please send me an email so I can get in touch, elizabeth.jones2@education.vic.gov.au

Have a great start to the year, Kath

Kitchen Garden Time Table

Home Group	ODD WEEK
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NA	Kitchen – Tuesday 11:30-1:30	Garden – Tuesday 11:30-12:30 K/G – Thursday 2:30-3:30
MM	Kitchen – Thursday 9-11am	Garden – Tuesday 2:30-3:30 K/G – Thursday 9-10am
MZ	Garden – Tuesday 2:30-3:30	Kitchen – Tuesday 9-11am K/G – Thursday 12:30-1:30
ND	Kitchen – Thursday 11:30-1:30	Garden – Tuesday 12:30-1:30 K/G – Thursday 11:30-12:30
SJ	Kitchen – Tuesday 9-11am Garden – Thursday 2:30-3:30	K/G Thursday 10-11am

**Week 4 – NA will have Kitchen Garden on Tuesday
11:30-1:30

Kind Regards,
Learning Team 3

Silvana Jancevski, Mary Zaikis, Nicole Aiello,
Angela Truong, Mel O'Reilly, Monica McHugh and
Natasha De Domenico

Term 1 Dates to Remember	
Event:	Date:
Excursion to Science Works	Thursday 17 th March
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 14 th March
End of Term 1	Friday 8 th April early finish of 1:30pm
Start of Term 2	Tuesday 26 th April