

Welcome to Year 3 2018



Bourne Building



Form Teachers

- Mrs Eileen Power
- Ms Olivia Salter
- Mrs Kristin Fitzgerald

Subject Specialist Teachers

- Mrs Veronique Ganet (French)
- Mrs Sally Nind (Art)
- Mrs Sally Nind (Drama)
- Mrs Ingrid McIlwraith (RE)
- Miss Leigh Thomas (HPE)
- Mrs Louise Emery (Music)
- Mrs Joanne Grimmer (Library)
- Mr Chen Yang/Mrs Louise Emery (Violin)
- Mrs Sue Le Roy (Learning Enhancement)
- Mr Brad Moore – Andrews Cup Co-ordinator

What is Year 3 all about?

- Building on the foundations of the lower Junior School
- Supporting and nurturing the students to become more independent in their behaviour and their learning

Developing independence

- Allow your daughter to carry their own belongings to and from school of a morning and afternoon
- Encourage your daughter to say goodbye at the bottom of the building and walk up to class on her own
- Encourage your daughter to be organised and pack their own school bag and items for specialist lessons
- Remind your daughter to be responsible with her homework folder and other items required for school
- Discuss pick-up arrangements with your daughter every morning.

Curriculum

English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Technology, Art, French, Drama, RE, Dance, STEAM, PE and Music

*based on the Australian Curriculum

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

Curriculum overviews for the year are available on the school website under 'Junior School' then 'Curriculum' then the link on the right hand side 'Yr 3 Curriculum and Assessment Overview' the Curriculum and Assessment Overview for Specialists is also there.

- **THRASS**- spelling program
- **Reading and comprehension** – CAFÉ and QAR
- **Maths groups** – support and extension will be offered to girls if necessary
- **Growth mindset** – encouraging students to look at mistakes as a way of growing
- **STEAM** – an opportunity to join with other students from Yrs 4-6 and work together on a STEAM project that combines elements of science, technology, the arts and maths. The duration is for one semester and the students will have the chance to list their preferences. They will participate in a total of 2 activities for the year

NAPLAN

Tuesday 15-17 May 2018

Tests

- Language Conventions
- Writing
- Reading
- Numeracy

*An information afternoon will be held on **Monday 26th March at 2:30pm** . More details on Parent Lounge will follow.*

Please try to avoid absences from school during this time and also the preparation period.

****There are some great iTunesU courses that have been created by St. Hilda's staff if you are interested go to the school website then 'About Us' then 'St Hilda's Learning Institute' then click on iTunes link or simply search St Hilda's School in the iTunes store**

Reporting to Parents

Effort ratings for the core subjects and HPE will be provided at the end of Term 1 and for all subject areas at the end of Term 3.

Reports will be available online on Parent Lounge after the conclusion of Term 2 and Term 4.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Two opportunities are provided during the year for parents and teachers to meet formally:

Friday 29th March: a 15 minute meeting to discuss how your daughter has settled and her academic progress thus far. Appointments can also be made with specialist teachers if required. Students do not attend.

Friday 21st September : a 15 minute meeting to discuss how your daughter is progressing. Appointments can also be made with specialist teachers if required.

Homework

- Will be set weekly (some exceptions may occur e.g. camp, beginning of term and end of term)
- Homework will be given on Friday and due back on Thursday, including your readers. It will be given to the girls by Friday this week and due next Thurs- *All the necessary sheets have been glued into your daughter's homework book, the homework grid, the oral presentation roster and the oral presentation tasks.*
- Students should be aware there are different expectations to those in Year 2
- Support – parents, Homework Club, iTunes U, school website, Mathletics and Wushka (parents that would like to volunteer are required to complete the Volunteers/visitors form at the office)
** Mathletics logins have been given to your daughter, topics will be set each week, according to what we are doing in class, but these are not compulsory. Wushka log ins have also been organised*

Please contact the teacher if there is a problem with completing tasks

Diaries

- Initial method of communication between students, teachers and parents Please be mindful that all communication in the diary is relevant to the class teacher
- Diary signing
- Must be at school every day
- Late arrival
- Absences for medical appointments
- School expectations are also in the Diary

Communication

- Should there be any changes to your daughter's pick-up arrangements/music lessons/rehearsals etc., please contact the **Junior School office** directly by phone or email, as early as possible
- Any other communication- Form teachers endeavour to respond to as soon as possible within office hours

Camp

Tyalgum Ridge Term 4

Wednesday 17 – 19 October 2018



This is a two-night camp. More details will be sent in Term 3 and a parent information meeting will be arranged. However, at this stage, if your daughter is anxious about being away from you, you may like to consider what you can do in preparation for camp.

General Matters

It's my daughter's birthday! – If you would like your daughter to celebrate her birthday with her class friends, ice blocks or cup cakes are preferable to a cake.

My daughter has a food allergy – Please be mindful that some students in Year 3 have nut, egg and other allergies which need to be taken into consideration when planning lunches and birthday treats.

Choir- If your daughter is interested Choir is available for the YR 2-3 on a Thursday from 3.45-4.30. Choir group attend special events such as Musical Gala, Gold Coast Eisteddfods, Mother/Grandmother morning etc

Junior School Sport – There are many opportunities for your daughter to be involved in sport such as Inter-House Sport, Andrews Cup, Primary Sports Representation and community sports. Please see Mr Brad Moore if you have any questions regarding these areas.

What are the arrangements for the start of the day? – In order to promote independence we would like the students to wait for their teacher between Bourne and Fittock. Not outside the glass doors.

3F and 3S near the Junior School Office and
3P near the Library

To ensure the safety of students, they are not allowed inside the building without a teacher being present. *It is also preferable for parents to wait outside Bourne during the mornings and afternoons. Parents are not encouraged to come upstairs for safety reasons.*

Where can I collect my daughter at the end of the

day?- Year 3 students can be picked up at the Year 3-6 gym drive through. If you have a younger sibling, your Year 3 daughter may go to the Prep Car park with them. Please do not arrange to meet your child anywhere else as there isn't any supervision after school. After School Care is available should you wish to use it, however your daughter must be booked in. If for some reason you are running late to the pick-up, your daughter will automatically be taken to After School Care once the time frame has surpassed.

I have an urgent message for my daughter – Please contact the school office in this instance rather than use email.

How can we work together this year?

- By placing your trust in us..... we have your daughter's best interests at heart
- Ensure that your contact details are correct on Parent Lounge
- Look for opportunities to enrich your daughter's education with 'real life' experiences eg supermarket shopping
- Offer to help in the classroom eg changing readers on a weekly basis
- Provide an environment where homework can be completed and encourage good study habits
- **Support** students in the completion of homework – more challenging than Year 2
- Let your teacher know first if you or your daughter are concerned about anything to do with school

Questions/concerns?

If you have a general question/query and it is not related to the classroom, ie Music, PE, music lessons, events, pick-up and drop-off, uniform etc please contact the office.

For any questions or concerns regarding your daughter and the classroom **please contact your daughter's teacher in the first instance**. If necessary you can then refer to the Junior School Deputy Head, Mrs Melissa Wilkins.

Lost property?

Please ensure all clothing and items are labelled. Lost property is located outside the Junior School Library

Questions?