

# Year 3 Neighbourhood

## Term 1 Overview

We begin the year with the unit **Identity – Community & Being a Learner**, where students build independence, responsibility, and decision-making skills. They will explore their emotions and develop strategies to communicate their feelings and personal needs. Students will also learn what independent and collaborative learning look like, and the skills required to succeed in different learning contexts.

**In Geography: Australia & its Neighbours**, students will learn to locate, collect, and record information using an atlas. They will explore the characteristics of places in Oceania and investigate the different climate types across Australia.

Our literature focus is **Brindabella by Ursula Dubosarsky**. Students will analyse how the author develops setting, characters, and plot, and how illustrations support the narrative. They will then apply these techniques in their own writing.



### Key Dates:

- **Curriculum Day** - 23<sup>rd</sup> of February
- **NAPLAN Testing Window** - 11<sup>th</sup> of March - 23<sup>rd</sup> of March
- **Year 3 Swimming** - 23<sup>rd</sup> of March - 27<sup>th</sup> of March
- **Labour Day Holiday Public Holiday** - 9<sup>th</sup> of March
- **School Photos** - 13<sup>th</sup> of March

- **Not hat, no play** - Please remember that in Term 1 students must wear a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat for outdoor play.
- **Device agreement** - The Device User Agreement must be signed by both student and parents and returned by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February before any device use at KPS.
- **Home Reading** - Students are encouraged to record the books they've read in their diaries. Please sign your child's student diary, which will be checked on Fridays.

- **Home Learning Project** – Our Home Learning Project will be linked to our learning around Geography. Students will be tasked with creating a project on a country within Oceania in the form of a poster, slide show, video or 3D diorama. They must include information about their chosen countries' language spoken, population, food and climate. Further information will be communicated on Compass in the coming weeks!