Year 3, Term 4 Overview

Health and Safety

In our Health and Safety Unit, students will explore the rules and behaviours that keep people safe on the road, around water, and in the sun. They will learn to reduce safety risks by making smart choices and demonstrating protective behaviours in different environments. Students will also discover how regular exercise benefits their physical and mental health, including the daily activity recommendations for their age group. Additionally, they will use critical thinking to look at health messages in the media, identifying their purpose and learning the features of visual information texts.

Literature Focus – Poetry

In our Literature Unit students will explore poetry and learn how poets use language and structure to create meaning and engage readers. Students will identify features such as rhythm and rhyme and explore literary devices including sensory language, alliteration, onomatopoeia, similes and metaphors. They will examine how words and illustrations work together to shape meaning and influence the reader's response. Students will also draw on their own experiences and ideas to create and respond to poetry.

Democracy

For our humanities unit, students will explore democracy and learn how rules and laws help communities work safely and fairly. They will investigate what democracy means and how decision-makers are elected, comparing voting processes in our school with those used in Australian government. Students will explore freedom, fairness and equity and make connections to elections and democracy in Australia today. They will build topic specific vocabulary, develop persuasive ideas and share their learning through an oral presentation.

General Reminders

- In Term 4, students are required to wear a hat during play. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named and brought to school each day.
- We encourage students to log into Math Fact Lab at home for regular fluency practise. If you need your login re-printed please ask your mentor teacher.
- We are noticing a lot of toys coming to school. Whilst we support fidgets and other sensory tools and understand their value in supporting students to regulate and focus, other toys should stay in their bags during learning time or stay at home (especially if they are valuable!)

Important Dates

- Year 3 Lake Dewar Day Camp -Friday, 9th of October
- Report Writing Day (student free) - Monday, 2nd of November
- Melbourne Cup (public holiday) - Tuesday, 3rd of November
- Planning Day (student free) - Monday, 30th of November
- Literacy Step-up Morning - Tuesday, 1st of December
- Numeracy Step-up Day - Monday, 7th of December
- State-wide Transition Day - Tuesday, 8th of December
- Last day of school - Friday, 18th of December