

Welcome to 2021!

3B Term 1

Teacher: Miss Alyssa Williams

I am so excited to have your child in 3B. Year Three is a big change from Year Two, as they are now a part of the senior school. I hope your child has had a happy beginning to the school year and I look forward to working with you through 2021!

Communication

My preferred method of communication is email. I can be contacted at awill586@eq.edu.au. If there is anything you would like to discuss with me and/or you would like to make an appointment to see me, please feel free to send me an email and I will reply during working hours (7am-5pm). Any printed letters will be sent home in students Home Folders, along with home readers (if applicable) and homework, so please check these daily.

Home Readers Volunteers

Please contact me via email if you are able to volunteer 30 minutes of your week to support changing home readers. This can be either Mondays or Fridays. Your help is greatly appreciated. This is an important part of homework and as such, I rely on a volunteer to process the readers.

Important Dates

Week 2
Wednesday 3rd February
P&C information session (after parade)

Week 3 Wednesday 10th February 3A Parade performance

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Wednesday 10th February
Parent information flyer sent home.

Week 4
Friday 19th February 2021
Swimming commences

Week 7 Monday 8th March SOBS open to parents

Week 9/10
Parent Teacher interviews commence

Week 10 Wednesday 31st March 3B Parade performance

> Week 10 Thursday 1st April Last day of Term 1

Year Three Teacher 2021

3A: Mr Scott Bagnall 3B: Miss Alyssa Williams 3C: Mrs Kate Thompson 3D: Mrs Maree McCarthy 3E: Miss Melissa Josey

2021 Daily Routine

8.20: Reading Bell. The classroom door opens at this time. Children should place their water bottle, iPad and Home Folder in the appropriate places.

8.30: Lessons commence. If students arrive after the 8.40am, they will need to collect a late slip from the office.

8.30 – 10.30: Morning session/ Literacy Block. Daily writing, Reading groups, spelling, grammar and punctuation, handwriting.

10.30 - 10.40: Eating time

10.40 - 11.00: Play time

11.00 - 1.00: Middle session/ Numeracy Block. Math mentals, problem solving, math activities.

1.00 - 1.10: Eating time

1.10 - 1.35: Play time

1.35 - 2.35: Home time. Children waiting to be picked up must sit on the grassed area *inside* the school grounds until an adult has arrived to collect them.

3B Weekly Schedule snapshot

Monday	Coding: 9:15-10:00
	I4I Numeracy: 11:45-12:30
Tuesday	Computer Lab: 11:00-12:00
Wednesday	Science: 10:00-10:30 &
	11:00-11:30
Thursday	Music: 9:00-9:30
	I4I Literacy: 1:50-2:35
Friday	H.P.E: 12:00-1:00
	L.O.T.E: 1:35-2:05

Homework

Homework fosters the development of independent study and work habits. It will be issued weekly on Monday and should be returned on Friday for marking. Homework consists of:

Spelling — Using a list of words relating to the current English unit as well as some personal spelling words. The children use the *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* strategy nightly. Words will vary according to individual needs.

Maths – Revision of math's concepts.

Reading – Students are to read to a parent nightly and answer the questions provided in their homework. You are welcome to use your own books if you prefer. Home Readers will be distributed in Week 3.

Swimming

Swimming will commence in Week Four this year for Year Three students and will continue every Friday through to week eight. Please remind students to pack their swimmers, goggles, towel and thongs. Students can wear their own caps if they prefer. Please make sure all children have their clothing labelled.

Online Resources

Mathletics is one of Australia's most well-known educational websites. It is the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy numeracy and improving their results.

www.mathletics.com.au

Reading Eggs/Eggspress improves students reading skills by listening for modelled fluency, reading for practice, recording their reading and checking comprehension with quizzes. Students log in to get their books and quizzes that have been assigned by the teacher to target the students reading levels.

www.readingeggs.com.au

Sight words are a vital component in a student's education and by the end of Year Three, Pimpama students are encouraged to have knowledge of 1000 sight words. If your child is coming home with sight words to be completed, please make sure this is done.

Reporting

There will be Parent/Teacher interviews conducted at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. Closer to the time, an email will be sent home with instructions on how to make an appointment using an online program (SOBS). Report cards are sent home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. These reports will be emailed to parents/carers.

If at any time you have any changes to your information (e.g. moving house/new phone number) please update ASAP with the office.

Thank you for your support.
I look forward to a fantastic year of helping your child to grow and achieve their best.

Kind regards, Alyssa Williams