

What's news in Year 3/4?

Term 4 2026

Welcome back!

Welcome back to our students and families for what is expected to be another engaging and busy term in Year 3/4! Please find below some information on what we are learning in Term 4.

Reading

This term in Reading, students will continue developing a range of comprehension strategies that can be applied across all areas of the curriculum. We will be doing this through a novel study, where students will explore the text 'Strangers on Country', which describes the experiences of six Europeans who were taken in by Indigenous communities between the 1820s and 1870s. Through this, we will analyse passages, answer a range of comprehension questions (literal, inferential, opinion) and connect information across several passages.

Sounds-Write

Students will continue to participate in our school-wide spelling program, Sounds-Write, in the following order.

Weeks 1 & 2 - /or/
Weeks 3 & 4 - /h/
Weeks 5 & 6 - /k/
Weeks 7 & 8 - /r/
Weeks 9 & 10 - /t/



Writing

This term in Writing, we will be learning to write explanation texts; writing for a specific audience and explaining how or why a phenomenon occurs. We will continue to learn and include technical vocabulary in our writing, and use cause and effect language to describe a process. Students will follow a specific text structure that includes hooking the reader in, defining the topic, defining key vocabulary, and providing information for each stage of a phenomenon.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, students will learn about the lives of the First Australians before European settlers arrived in Australia and the causes and reasons for the journey of the First Fleet. They will practise thinking and acting like historians as they are immersed in stories of first contact between Indigenous Australians and European Settlers.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, students will explore fractions by representing and understanding them as parts of a whole.

They will recognise and compare fractions, add and subtract fractions with like denominators and solve practical problems involving fractions. They will find fraction of quantities and place fractions on a number line. Students will also extend their fraction knowledge by expressing them as decimals.

Students will identify, name, compare, estimate and measure common angles in everyday objects and in our environment. We will explore map features (key/legend, scale and compass), read grid references and a scale, and use directional language to describe where something is located.

We will also explore probability (the likelihood of an event happening) by looking at chance language, placing events on a probability scale and predicting outcomes in chance experiments.

Social Emotional Learning

This term, students will participate in social and emotional lessons each week, where we will explore and learn a range of social skills. Students will participate in team-building activities to practise collaborating with one another. We will continue to follow our Newport Gardens SWPBS matrix and expectations.

Homework

As part of our NGPS homework policy, Year 3/4 students are expected to complete the following homework tasks:

- 20 minutes of reading each day, recorded in their NGPS diary
- daily practise of Sounds-Write words through completion of spelling activities in their homework book
- Optional: Mathletics, Reading Eggs/Express, and writing for leisure

Each classroom teacher has different expectations of when homework is turned in. Please speak with your child's classroom teacher directly if you have any questions regarding this.

Specialists

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI
Japanese 🇯🇵	3/4A				
P.E. 🏃 Science 🔬	3/4B				
Visual Art 🎨	3/4C				
Technology 🤖	3/4D				
Music 🎵 Library 📚	3/4E				
	3/4F				

* Please note:
Year 3s do sports training on Thursdays.
Year 4s do sports training on Fridays.

Important Dates

Wed 21/10 - Art Show (4:30-7)
Mon 02/11 - Curriculum Day
Tues 03/11 - Melbourne Cup
Thurs 26/11 - P-3 Athletics

Wed 02/12 - School Concert (5-6:30)
Thurs 03/12 - Potential excursion date
Thurs 10/12 - Potential excursion date
Tues 15/12 - Potential Step Up Day

Fri 19/12 - Final Day of Term 4 (2:30 finish)
Please refer to Compass and NGPS
Fortnightly updates for more information
about upcoming events.