

Welcome

It has been wonderful to get the year underway and see our Grade 3 students settle so well. We have spent time getting to know each other and setting up routines as we excitedly jump into 2026.

English

This term, we will be spending time talking to students about good-fit books. A number of students will have moved from reading levelled PM books into reading books of their choice and our focus is on teaching students to have a reason for picking a particular book as well as choosing one that fits their skill level. For students still developing their reading, they will be supported to continue working with texts appropriate to their needs. We encourage you to continue listen to your child read and ask them questions about their reading to develop their comprehension skills.

In the classroom, students will have opportunities to read independently and as part of a small group. Each week we will focus on a different strategy that will allow students to develop their skills in that area and expose them to a wide variety of genres.

In writing students will begin to dive deeper into their personal thinking during our Writer's Workshop. They will be learning about what kind of writers they are, what they like to write about and what styles/purposes they like to write for. Students will learn how to broaden their thinking when provided with a writing seed (prompt), and will be given the opportunity to create written pieces guided by their own thoughts and interests. As well as establishing a writing community we will be focusing on persuasive and narrative text types.

As part of spelling students will purposefully investigate words through 3 different lenses. These include what words look like (visual), what words sound like (phonemic), and the meaning of words (etymology and how words are built).

Mathematics

During the term we will have a focus on place value. We will be exploring odd and even numbers, expanding numbers, renaming numbers, rounding numbers, partitioning numbers, skip counting using number lines and recording and identifying numbers using both digits and words. Students will use hands on materials to help them build their understanding of place value throughout the term. We will be finishing the term with some work on measurement – exploring length, height, width, mass and capacity. Our maths lessons will include lots of open ended tasks to allow students to explore their knowledge and develop their mathematical understanding.

Compass & Class Dojo

All teachers at TBPS use Compass and Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please ensure you have notifications turned on for both and keep up to date with any announcements that come out. If you have changed your email address, please let the office staff know.

DATES OF INTEREST

Wednesday February 11

PFA AGM
7:00pm
Staffroom

Monday February 16

Parent - Teacher Interviews
2pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday February 18

Miller's Homestead Library
Excursion

Thursday February 19

District Swimming

February 23 - March 15

Smile Squad Dental

February 23 - 27

African Drumming Program

March 5 - 6

First Aid in Schools

Thursday March 19

The Basin Community house
visit with Mayor Paige Kennett

Thursday March 26

Harmony Day

Thursday April 2

House Cross Country
Term ends 2:30pm



IMPORTANT—if you have a message to convey to your child regarding after school pick up arrangements, please call the office rather than message us as we get busy during the day and often don't check these platforms until after school.

Integrated Studies

This term we will be looking at Civics and Citizenship as we learn about the role of local government along with rules and laws. We will be exploring this through many meaningful experiences including an incursion learning about waste management, an excursion to Miller's Homestead, and a visit from Cr Paige Kennett – Mayor of Knox City Council.

Homework

Homework will commence in week 3. It will be set on Tuesday and be due back on the following Monday. This will generally consist of a reading and a maths component. Students will be expected to complete the set activities along with practising their times tables, and nightly reading.

NAPLAN

For those families new to Grade 3, NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments this year will be held in Term 1, from Wednesday March 11. Your child's teacher will spend some time prior to the assessment discussing and explaining what each assessment will look like. All assessments are in an online format for our Grade 3 students except for writing. If you have any queries or concerns about NAPLAN please speak to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to the learning opportunities in the term ahead.

Thank you for being involved in your child's education and as always please see your child's teacher if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

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TERM 1 SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

	3D	3E	3IS
PHYS ED	Thursday 9:00 – 9:50	Tuesday 1:10 – 2:00	Tuesday 12:20 – 1:10
VISUAL ART	Monday 12:20 – 1:10	Friday 10:40 – 11:30	Friday 9:50 – 10:40
PERFORMING ARTS	Wednesday 2:40 – 3:30	Monday 12:20 – 1:10	Monday 1:10 – 2:00
SCIENCE	Friday 10:40 – 11:30	Friday 9:50 – 10:40	Wednesday 9:00 – 9:50
LIBRARY/AUSLAN	Friday 9:50 – 10:40	Wednesday 2:40 – 3:30	Friday 10:40 – 11:30

WEEK 1	JANUARY 26	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 28 First Day of School Gr 1 - 6	JANUARY 29	JANUARY 30
WEEK 2	FEBRUARY 2 Preps First Day 9:30 – 3:00	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 6 School Photos
WEEK 3	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11 PFA AGM	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 13
WEEK 4	FEBRUARY 16 Student-Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm – 6:30pm School Council 6:30pm	FEBRUARY 17 Gr 4 Incursion – Lets Grow	FEBRUARY 18 Miller’s Homestead Library Excursion	FEBRUARY 19 District Swimming Prep Fun Night 5:00 - 6:30	FEBRUARY 20 Prep Incursion
WEEK 5	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24 Gr 4 Kids Helpline Incursion	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 27 Firey’s Day
WEEK 6	MARCH 2 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 3 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 4 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 5 First Aid in Schools	MARCH 6 First Aid in Schools
WEEK 7	MARCH 9 Labour Day Public Holiday	MARCH 10	MARCH 11 NAPLAN	MARCH 12 NAPLAN	MARCH 13 NAPLAN
WEEK 8	MARCH 16 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp NAPLAN	MARCH 17 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 18 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 19 The Basin Community House Visit with Mayor Paige Kennett	MARCH 20
WEEK 9	MARCH 23 School Council 6:30pm	MARCH 24 Gr 5 Boronia K-12 Discovery Day	MARCH 25	MARCH 26	MARCH 27 Top 10 Maths Curriculum Day
WEEK 10	MARCH 30	MARCH 31 Regional Swimming	APRIL 1	APRIL 2 House Cross Country Term ends 2:30pm	APRIL 3 Good Friday