

# Room 3

# Term 4



## Welcome back to school for Term 4.

This term will whizz by as it is a short term and an extremely busy term with swimming, concerts and end of year parties to fit in and around our learning. Unfortunately, we had to farewell Liam at the end of last term, but I am looking forward to finishing the year with the rest of the children and seeing how much further they can progress in all areas. A quick reminder to families who have not already done so, please fill in the form regarding **2019 class placements** and return it school so that we can begin to plan accordingly for next year.

Thank you to those parents who have their children at school by the time the first bell rings. It greatly helps their learning when they are ready for the day and settled by the time the second bell rings. A quick reminder that although the class is usually open at 8.30am, unfortunately on some occasions I get delayed so I would appreciate your understanding when this happens and please know that I do not intend to hold busy parents up.

The commitment I have and the school has to your child's education is great. The planning at a whole school level through our School Improvement Plan guides my planning for the class as we strive to move all children forward in their learning. The school is mindful of creating smaller class sizes and supports all classes with Student Support Officers who work alongside the teachers to help children achieve their individual goals. This is done in a variety of ways depending on the class and in Room 3 we are very fortunate to have Di H, Di M, Julie W, Paul L and Sharma supporting the students at various times throughout the week. When these wonderful SSO's are working with your child they are helping them achieve their own goals. If you do however have any concerns or questions about the learning program, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat (when possible) or book a time so we can sit down and address these questions. I know it is tempting to talk with other parents about any concerns, however more can be done for your child if the conversation takes place between you the parents and me, the teacher.

## Swimming

Swimming lessons at the Elizabeth Aquadome will be in Week 5 from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. Information and consent forms went home at the end of last term or for some at the beginning of this term. It would be greatly appreciated if payment and consent forms could be filled in and returned to school by the end of next week.

This is an exciting yet tiring week for the children as they practice not only their swimming skills but the skills of dressing and undressing themselves at the start and end of each lesson and looking after their belongings. Please send your child to school with their bathers under their school uniform. You can help them be organised by putting underwear, goggles and a towel in a named bag for them to take each day.

You are welcome to come and watch if you wish and/or help out in the change rooms at the end of the lesson. A reminder that you must have a police check and have done the volunteer training to help with this.

## Transition

From Week 6, both our class and Room 1 will be helping with the transition program for kindergarten students due to start at IFEPS in 2019. Our students will be a buddy to a kindergarten child to help them feel safe and more comfortable in the school environment.

## Nature School

Nature School will continue this term each Wednesday afternoon where the children continue their learning in Maths and English in the outdoor environment.

As the weather is warming up you may choose not to send a change of clothes for your child, however the Nature Play area may get quite dusty and as a result your child may come home dirtier than usual on those days.



## School Concert

At the end of the year we hold our end of year concert where each class performs for the school community. At this stage we are in the process of working out what we will be performing so I will let you know what costume requirements are necessary in a few weeks' time. I will try and keep costumes to a minimum so they are cost effective. More information regarding the times of the evening will be distributed later in the term. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Thank you for your continued support,

Belinda

## Dates to Remember

30 <sup>th</sup> October	Governing Council
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Outdoor Classroom Day
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming week
20 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> kindy transition
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pupil Free Day
27 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> kindy transition Governing Council
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Final kindy transition Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Volunteer morning tea
11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Concert
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Room 1 and 3 end of year party/excursion Meet 2019 teacher
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports go home
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – dismiss 2.05pm