



St Anthony's Primary School

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Welcome to Year 3 2020

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome the children and their families to Year 3 for 2020. Mrs Onorato, Mrs Traies and Mrs Agaiby are so excited to be your teachers and can't wait to work with you for the next 12 months! We are looking forward to having a positive, engaging and rewarding year. We believe that children are the best learners they can be when they possess the five learner profile qualities. We can't wait to create a classroom environment that provides many opportunities for learners at St Anthony's to grow. One thing we are especially looking forward to is how we will be using technology as a tool in our space to develop innovative and creative students who are problem solvers.



We hope that your upcoming break will be a very special time for you and your family. Christmas time is about the coming of Jesus into our world. It is a time of love and sharing and we hope that this becomes the central part of your celebrations.

Holidays are a great time for relaxation but also a wonderful opportunity to be able to read with your children. We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity in us all. These school holidays, we are encouraging all students to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge and read, read, read! If your child is interested in entering this competition and be in the chance to win a Google Chromebook, see details on how to enter the challenge. <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Whats-On/EDSRC>

As you are aware, the Seesaw app is the way that teachers, students and parents communicate with each other about grade based information and student learning. This year, we have subscribed to Seesaw for Schools so the end of year processes for your child's Seesaw account will look different. You will no longer need to archive your child's account at the end of this year. Instead, you will be invited to your child's new SeeSaw account once this has been successfully set up. There will be more information about this as necessary. This is a really exciting upgrade that will allow you to keep a digital journey of your child's learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

As a part of the school General Contribution Fee, all children in the Year 3 learning space will have access to class stationery such as writing pencils, pens, coloured pencils, crayons, rulers, scissors, exercise books, scrap books, texts, craft materials etc. In addition, it is always advisable for children to manage their own set of items. We would encourage you to ensure that they have some essential personal stationery items for their daily use as well (see list below). Please keep in mind that these things do not need to be new - pencils etc from this year would be great to use again for next year. Please ensure that any personal items are clearly **LABELLED** with your child's name. This encourages personal responsibility and ensures that lost items can be recovered and returned easily.

In preparation for Year 3, we would like all children to have the following items:

- Personal Stationery (pencil case with lead pencils, coloured pencils or crayons, textas, glue stick, sharpener, wooden ruler, scissors and an eraser)
- Earphones or headphones (inexpensive variety to be used with iPads and Chromebooks)
- Library bag (available from Uniform Shop \$10)
- Note Bag (red polly wally from last year or available from the uniform shop for \$12)
- 2 boxes of tissues (as a part of a class supply)
- 2 pack of baby wipes (as a part of a class supply)
- Paint shirt
- Clear contact for book covering

In the first few weeks of 2020, we will be sending home exercise books for covering. Could you please cover these in clear contact or plastic and return these to school as soon as possible.

Mrs Onorato will be teaching Monday - Wednesday in Year 3 and Mrs Traies will be teaching Thursday-Friday. Mrs Onorato will be present each Thursday however will not be teaching in the Year 3 space.

Important dates for next year:

Wednesday 29th January and Wednesday 30th January – MAI testing days. Please see letter attached to book a time for a Mathematics Assessment Interview for your child with their teacher. These dates have been set aside especially for this assessment. It is very important that an interview time is made for each child.

Thursday 30th January – Years 1-6 return to school for normal classes

Thank you for your support and looking forward to meeting you in 2020. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards,

Mrs Onorato, Mrs Traies and Mrs Agaiby

Year 3 Team