**3A 2018 Parent Information**

**Contact**

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Please feel free to e-mail me as this is an easy way to keep in contact. The office staff will pass on any phone messages and I will endeavour to return calls as soon as is possible.

I am happy to meet with parents, though it’s not always possible to do so without an appointment. Feel free to contact me to make a time to suit you and I.

**RFF (Release from Face to Face teaching)**

Students have two specialist lessons each week with Mrs Judd and Mrs Bullock.

**Library**

3A students have library with Mrs Judd on Thursdays at 10.05am. I encourage all students to borrow books that interest them and read at home as well as in class. In order to borrow books, all students must bring a library bag to school on Wednesdays.

**Music**

This year Mrs Bullock will be taking 3A for music lessons every Monday at 11.30am. they will be learning about the various genres of music, musical instruments, singing, beat, tempo and all other areas of music. Mrs Bullock will also be taking 3A for grammar lessons each Monday morning at 10.20am.

**YCDI**

3A students will be learning about how to be confident, persistent, resilient, get along and organised using the You Can Do It curriculum and be participating in fitness activities.

**Mappen**

Mappen is a series of integrated learning units that cover the HSIE, Science, Geography and History curriculums. In term one we will be undertaking study about Ethics and Emotions.

**PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education)**

Students will participate in activities such as Buddies, where they take on mentoring roles in various aspects of school such as literacy, maths, social skills and positive behaviours. PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning), where students learn about school expectations and which they also have a say in developing.

Students will participate in whole stage sport every Friday. They will be provided with opportunities to try a variety of sports including cricket, netball, basketball, OzTag etc. Students will be encouraged to try out for representative teams in sports where they have a high level of achievement. They will also have opportunities to participate in PSSA sports, along with swimming, athletics and cross-country. 3A will be participating in PE lessons every Monday afternoon with 3SH.

**Maths**

Mathematics will be conducted every day within. This allow for more flexibility in providing students with activities targeting their learning needs. Students are encouraged to learn their times table facts and practice them every day to assist with calculations across all maths topics. They will also be developing these skills in class.

**Literacy**

Literacy will cover a variety of areas such as spelling, reading and writing and will be incorporated in all areas of the curriculum, including mathematics. I encourage all students to read at home every night as well as in class.

**Technology**

Technology is playing a much larger role for 21st Century learners. Stage 3 students have been invited to participate in a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative. The school policy and student agreement, along with the specifications for devices can be found on the school’s website.

The technology requirements/demands for all students, but particularly those in Stage 3 is increasing. Therefore, Kincumber PS along with most schools, is employing a BYOD system.

**Skoolbag**

If you haven’t already got it, I suggest downloading the Skoolbag app from the Kincumber Public School website. This is an excellent way to stay informed and on top of what’s happening at school. Links to the school newsletter will be sent on Skoolbag and you will be able to access notes online. You can also sign up to specific events that your child might be involved in.

**School Website**

The school website has lots of information posted on it regarding various aspects of our school. You will find school newsletters, an events calendar, class pages, information about curriculum and activities, school notes and policies. Please familiarise yourself with our website and help keep yourself informed.

http://www.kincumber-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

**Homework**

After a considerable amount of feedback from parents/carers, Kincumber PS does not provide formal homework. However, we encourage all students to read every night, practice their times tables and access Mathletics.

**School Camp**

This year Stage 3 students will be attending a sport and recreation camp. At this stage it looks likely the camp will be at Point Wolstoncroft, situated on Lake MacQuarie. The dates for the camp have yet to be finalized, though a note informing parents will be sent home as soon as possible.