



MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The A-Z of Year 3 2021

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Tuesday 15th December 2020

Yesterday, the current Year 3 students shared their experiences from 2020 to help your child with the transition from Year 2 to 3. There are some new and exciting routines and activities for the children to experience. Below is an overview of what the Year 3 students talked about at this informal assembly. The 2021 classroom teachers will discuss many of these topics at the Parent Information Evening held early in Term One.

Classrooms location- The Year 3 classrooms are located in the demountables, Hill St block and near the Library.

Lining Up- Year 3 line up under the Hall COLA. In Year 3, students are expected to listen to daily messages at lines. Team coaches and coordinators often have messages about training or rehearsals and it is important for students to listen for changes in routine.

Assembly- Primary Assembly is held fortnightly on Thursdays.

Band/Band Camp- If your child is part of the Training Band you will receive information from the Band Committee.

Carnivals: Swimming/Athletics/Cross Country - All Year 3 students have the opportunity to attend and participate in our annual sports carnivals. The swimming carnival is Tuesday 9th February in Term 1. It is important for your child to know their correct age group. It is the age they are turning that calendar year. Permission notes will be sent home this week. Year 3 students will be allocated a sports house at the beginning of the year.

Choir and Dance Groups

Information about times and auditions for these groups is given to students during assemblies and grade lines.

Choir- Year 3 students have the opportunity to participate in choir. They will need to audition for 'Primary Proms' and other choir festivals.

Dance- In Year 3, students can audition to be part of a dance group. These groups rehearse at lunchtime, perform at school and other dance festivals.

Elections- Year 3 have the opportunity to listen to School Captain and Sports Captain nominations and speeches at the end of the year. They will have the opportunity to vote in Year 4.

Expectation Cards- When students have collected 4 Respect, Responsibility or Aspire cards they return them to the Deputy Principal's office located near the staffroom.

Kitchen Garden- Year 3 have the opportunity to participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program for a semester. This is taught weekly by Mrs Beth Dowdle and Angie Penn as part of the Science curriculum.

NAPLAN- Year 3 students will participate in NAPLAN Online in May 2021. Students will complete assessments in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. More information will be provided next year. Students will have the opportunity to complete practice tests online.

Sport

Primary sport takes place on Fridays. Students are either involved in PSSA Sport or School Sport and are not necessarily with their class teacher. This is a great opportunity for students to meet and engage with other teachers. All students meet at 3pm for a 3-6 Sport Assembly.

Sport PSSA- PSSA (Primary School Sports Association) sport involves Manly West teams playing other schools in a variety of sports at outside venues. Teams are selected by teacher/coaches. Junior teams are made up from students in Year 3 and 4. It is important to talk to your child about this process and help your child to be resilient if they do not make a team. Students who are not in PSSA teams have other options for School Sport. Students involved in PSSA leave school at approximately 12:15pm and return at 3:00pm.

Sport School- School Sport takes place at 12:10pm until lunchtime. We are fortunate that we have coaches come in to take groups in a variety of sports including basketball and hockey. In the afternoon, students are with the teacher that they do sport with and complete various activities in the classroom.

We hope this information has answered any questions you and your child may have in the lead up to next year. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2020.

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