



# DISCOVERY TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

14 July, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 3, 2023. We are looking forward to another exciting term in the Discovery Area.

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE:

	AUSLAN	PE	ART	MUSIC
DA	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
DB	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
DC	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday
DD	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday
DE	Friday	Thursday	Monday	Friday
DF	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday

**Library:** DA, DB, DC, DD and DF have Library on Monday. DE have Library on Tuesday.

## SWIMMING:

This term the Discovery students will be attending Swimming. They will be involved in a six (6) week swimming program. This program aims to develop water confidence, safety awareness and teach correct stroke and breathing techniques.

**DA, DB and DC** will all be attending Streamline on Thursdays. The dates are as follows:

**July** - 27

**August** – 3, 10 17, 24 and 31

**DD, DE and DF** will all be attending Streamline on Fridays. The dates are as follows:

**July** – 28

**August** – 4, 11, 18 and 25

**September** – 1

**The pool times are listed below:**

Thursdays	Times	Fridays	Times
DB	12:30pm	DF	12:30pm
DC	1:05pm	DE	1:05pm
DA	1:40pm	DD	1:40pm

Please check Compass for another other information regarding swimming. If you would like to assist as a parent helper please contact your child's teacher. We will need one helper per grade with a WWCC.

## HOME READING:

Please ensure that your child continues to bring their blue book bag and 3 readers to school **every day** and to fill in your child's reading log. Your child will keep their readers for one week and we encourage them to read the same text multiple times. The first time your child reads a text they will decode any unknown words. On day two (2) they will re-read with less decoding and by day three (3) they will work on improving their fluency and they will be more familiar with the text. It is also important to be focusing asking literal and inferential comprehension of the texts read.

## CLASSROOM HELPERS:

Classroom helpers will be continuing in Term 3. Due to timetable updates your child's teacher may email or send home an updated timetable of when you are scheduled to help out in the classroom.

## CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:

As we are now in Term 3, our classroom supplies are starting to dwindle. If you are able, we would really appreciate the donation of any tissues and antibacterial wipes. If you would like to donate any of these items please supply them to your child's teacher.

## SHOWCASE FOLDER:

At the end of Term 2 the students came home with their Semester 1 Showcase folder. The students were very excited to show off all their work. We will be using the same folders for Semester 2 Showcase work. Therefore, we request that all Showcase folders be returned as soon as possible.

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN THE CLASSROOM DURING TERM 3:

READING	WRITING	CATCH MATHS	INQUIRY
<p>Our lessons are based on our CAFÉ program which assists with comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary.</p> <p>The CAFE program breaks each of these components into significant strategies and our lessons support each approach.</p> <p>In Term 3 we will be continuing to have individual student conferences and/or guided reading groups during these lessons.</p> <p>In each daily lesson the students complete 10-15 minutes of independent or partner reading. The students are then involved in a learning activity that is based on the reading strategy learnt that day.</p>	<p>In Term 3 the students will be covering the following writing topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poetry</li> <li>• Reports</li> <li>• Retells/Recounts</li> <li>• Narratives</li> </ul> <p><b>Sound Waves</b></p> <p>The students will continue to cover one sound a week. In the first session of the week the students complete the first page of the Sound Waves book for the sound that they are learning. Then each day the students complete one 10-15-minute Sound Waves activity. Each day there is a new focus. In these mini lessons the students are learning about various spelling rules about prefixes, suffixes, contractions, capital letters etc.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b></p> <p>Students participate in handwriting sessions multiple times during the week, with a focus on correct size, shape and formation of letters and correct pencil grip when writing.</p>	<p>This term we will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip counting by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2s</li> <li>- 5s</li> <li>- 10s</li> <li>- 3s</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Place Value</li> <li>• Grouping (Multiplication)</li> <li>• Sharing (Division)</li> <li>• 3D Shapes</li> <li>• Time</li> </ul> <p>The school-wide CATCH Maths program follows the same weekly focus throughout the whole school.</p> <p>At the start of each lesson the Discovery students participate in a fluency activity. This is a 5-10-minute class warm up activity to revise their number knowledge or previous content.</p> <p>Throughout the week the students are involved in lessons that are based on fluency, understanding, reasoning and hands on activities. This follows our whole school model.</p>	<p>During Term 3 the students will be immersed in the food, games, music, language and traditions of different cultures. They will explore the meaning of traditions as they experience different cultures.</p> <p>The students will also get to choose one country from a list of six to learn more about. They will be filling out a booklet over the span of a few weeks. The booklet will be based on the country they have chosen to learn about.</p> <p>The 6 countries that the students can choose from are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Egypt</li> <li>• Greece</li> <li>• India</li> <li>• China</li> </ul>

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
27 – DA, DB and DC Swimming lessons commence 28 – DD, DE and DF Swimming lessons commence	16 – Book Week Dress up Day 23 and 24 – DCE Art Show 28 – Variation to School Hours Day – “3 Way Conferences”	9 – Town Fair 15 - End of Term 3 – early dismissal at 2:30pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to schedule a time to see your child’s teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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Discovery Teachers