

PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL



'Strive to Excel'

Welcomes you to

Stage 2

2021

Stage 2 Classes

YEAR 3 SAGE	Mr Robertson	YEAR 3/4 PAPRIKA	Mrs Stawski & Mrs Williams
YEAR 4 CINNAMON	Mrs Mayorga	YEAR 4 SAFFRON	Mrs Psomadellis & Mrs Shepherd

We welcome your child to Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and trust they will enjoy their year with us. We will endeavour to provide a range of challenging experiences across all areas of the curriculum with the intent of having all children achieving to their potential. The wellbeing of all children is of paramount importance.

Other Support Staff Working With Students

Release From Face To Face (RFF)

These teachers provide 2 hours per week to each teacher to allow time for planning, preparation and evaluation of educational programs. The students learn ICT & STEM skills with Mrs Chatterton and Mr Narris. Please see the timetable on the last page for class times.

STEM

Mr Narris will be guiding students through lessons in G Block to challenge and equip them with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) skills to solve authentic problems in the world around them. Students will become more competent in their ability to design and engineer creative solutions through engaging in collaborative teams and applying their understandings in Mathematics, Science and Technology.

Learning and Support Teacher & English as Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

Students with identified needs in learning areas or English development are given intensive assistance with Mrs Black. Small groups and individual students benefit from carefully structured tuition. The focus may be on communication skills, reading or written language and grammar.

School Counsellor

Mr Frank Virgara has qualifications and experience in both education and psychology and attends the school 2½ days per fortnight. He works with students to help learning, concentration, behaviour and social skills and also offers support to parents. Appointments are organised through the Learning Support Team and in consultation with the class teacher and the Principal.

Library

Teachers will be taking their own classes to the library to develop reading, research and information skills. Children will learn how to find useful material and books that will aid them in research work or a book that they will enjoy reading for leisure. The library will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime; the children may borrow, browse or research.

Key Learning Areas (KLAs)

These curriculum areas are designed to provide a well-balanced education, progressing from Kindergarten to Year 6. At each stage, students will vary greatly in ability and class work is designed for individual student needs and capabilities.

Topics covered over the year:

HSIE - History & Geography – Yr 3 Community And Remembrance, Places Are Similar and Different
Yr 4 First Contact, The Earth's Environment

Science & Technology - Heat changing a state, Suitability of natural and processed materials, Space & Contact and Non-Contact forces.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education - Relationships, Staying Safe, Life Education in Term 1, My Body is delivered by Interrelate in Term 2 & Gross Motor Skills program is delivered by SISA in Term 3, Gymnastics will be delivered by Gymnastrix in Term 4.

Jellybeans Music Program

Jellybeans is an exciting in school music program run by a tutor fully trained in singing and music. Students learn to play the recorder, some percussion instruments and participate in singing, dance and other stimulating fun activities. This activity is at an additional cost.

Homework

Homework will provide for:

- Revision, consolidation of class work
- Extension and enrichment
- Project / assignment work
- Development of good work habits
- Collection of resources
- Reading

Important! Nightly reading, spelling revision and tables practice. Reading aloud to an adult is important in developing stronger comprehension. Having difficulties with homework? Let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Excursions

Educational visits are an important part of the school program and are selected to broaden and deepen students' understanding of classroom studies.

Excursions throughout the year will complement the units of work covered in HSIE and Science.

National Testing Program

Year 3 students will participate in the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) in Literacy and Numeracy over three days in Term 2, Week 4 from the 11 to 13 May. Students in Year 4 will be participating in the Check In Assessment in Term 2 Weeks 1 – 3.

NSW Premier's Reading and Sporting Challenges

Taking part in the Premier's Reading (all year) and Sporting Challenges (Term 3) is strongly recommended. This continues to be a school focus at Picnic Point.

Student Equipment

Please ensure that all children come to school thoroughly prepared for daily routines. This includes having the correct equipment and being aware of daily activities. All student equipment, including school clothing must be **clearly labelled**.

Attendance

The *Education Act (1990)* requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within three days of the absence. All students are expected to aim for 100% attendance.

Assessment

Teachers continually monitor the progress of students on both formal and informal bases. Some structured testing is carried out and this, together with observations, work samples and conference records forms the basis of reports to parents.

Extra Activities

In Stage 2 students are given the opportunity to audition for / participate in extracurricular activities. These may include Chess Club, Band, Dance (Boys & Girls), Choir, Tennis and PSSA Sport.

Reporting to Parents

Reporting to parents occurs each semester (June and November) via a formal report outlining progress in all Key Learning Areas. Parent Teacher conferences are part of the reporting process in June and upon request in November.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress with the class teachers any time during the year, as well as at formal Parent Teacher conferences.

School Activities

- Jellybeans
- K - 6 Assembly – Fridays
- Scripture - Fridays
- School Sport – Fridays
- STEM

Sage - Wednesday
Cinnamon - Thursday

Paprika - Tuesday
Saffron - Friday

- ICT

Sage - Tuesday
Cinnamon - Monday

Paprika - Wednesday
Saffron - Monday

Communication

Teachers, students and parents working together is essential. Parents are encouraged to participate in the education process. If you have an enquiry or would like to organise a personal interview, please phone the school on 9773 7817 or email picnicpt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.

Our aim is to give the students the opportunity to enjoy school whilst developing their potential in all areas.

***We need your support to achieve our aims.
We believe that this year will be a great year!***