Welcome back to Term 3

Welcome back to term 3, a very big thank you to all our parents who have sent their child to school in their school uniform. The students look fantastic particularly at assembly. Winter uniforms can be purchased at the school uniform shop which is open every Tuesday morning. A gentle reminder that all students are to wear our school’s sunsafe hats ie legionnaires or wide brim hats. Baseball caps are not sunsafe and therefore not suitable to wear at school.

In stage 2, we are continuing with 4 mainstream stage classes comprising of year 3 and year 4 students. Stage based classes are a very successful way of grouping students to ensure success for all, including our students, teachers and the programs we use.

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**Stage 2 Mathematics and English Writing Groups**

Stage 2 has mathematics and English writing groups Monday to Thursday between 10am - 11am and after lunch till 1pm. At other times students have homeroom classes where English, HSIE, science and technology, CAPA and PDHPE is taught.

**Homework**

Homework is issued on Thursday and collected the following Thursday. A record is kept of completed homework for reporting purposes.
**Areas of Focus**
An area of focus is included with this covering letter, outlining general information and the content for each key learning area (English, mathematics, HSIE, science and technology, CAPA and PDHPE).

**Friday Sport and PSSA Winter Competition**
Sport uniform is to be worn every Friday. Students have the opportunity to participate in the weekly Parramatta PSSA Winter Competition for AFL, netball and soccer. Students that do not participate in this competition will be involved in school sport.

**Library and borrowing**
Each class has the opportunity to borrow from the library each week during their library lesson. Please provide your child with a sturdy bag in which to keep their books clean and safe.

**Library lessons**
- Monday 3/4 K
- Tuesday 3/4 T
- Wednesday 3/4 H
- Friday 3/4Y

**Crunch ‘n’ Sip**
All students are encouraged to participate in a daily Crunch and Sip. Students will need to bring a water bottle and fruit or vegetables each day to school.

**Scripture**
Protestant, Catholic and Islamic scripture lessons are taught on Wednesday on a weekly basis to students of these denominations. As well, there is a non-scripture group for students that do not attend scripture.

**Banking**
Banking small amounts weekly benefits the school. The school receives a commission on the number of transactions not the amount. Students can deposit money every Thursday morning at the office.

**Attendance/Absences**
The Education Act requires all school age children to attend school and teachers are required to maintain attendance records. If your child is absent for any reason please notify the school via letter with your child’s name, the date and reason for absence.

We encourage punctuality. All students are to arrive at school by 8:55 am. Students arriving after that time must go to the office and pick up a late note and then proceed to class. The late note is then given to the teacher.

**Medical Appointments**
From time to time medical and dental appointments have to be made in school time. We request wherever possible that these appointments be made outside school times.
**Dates to Remember**

Thursday 21\(^{st}\) July    Wattle Award Assembly  
Wednesday 27\(^{th}\) July    OC Placement Test  

Monday 1\(^{st}\) – Friday 5\(^{th}\) August    Education Week & Book Fair  
Tuesday 2\(^{nd}\) August    English Competition  
Wednesday 3\(^{rd}\) August    Open Day  
Thursday 4\(^{th}\) August    School Athletics Carnival  
Tuesday 16\(^{th}\) August    Mathematics Competition  
Wednesday 17\(^{th}\) August    Book Week Performer  
Friday 26\(^{th}\) August    PSSA Semi Finals  
Friday 2\(^{nd}\) September    PSSA Finals  
Monday 22\(^{nd}\) – Friday 26\(^{th}\) August    Book Week  
Thursday 25\(^{th}\) August    Book Parade  
Tuesday 30\(^{th}\) August    Mufti Day  
Wednesday 31\(^{st}\) August    Father’s Day Stall  
Monday 12\(^{th}\) – Friday 23\(^{rd}\) September    Swim School  
Friday 23\(^{rd}\) September    Last day of term 3  

**Parent Helpers**

Our school is regarded as a school that provides excellent opportunities for students. Thank you to those parents who helped make a difference in term 2. We look forward to working with you again for the remainder of the year and establishing strong relationships with the many new members of our school community.

The entire school is very excited about term 3. Our teachers are planning to provide outstanding learning opportunities for our students – your children. We have high expectations at Dundas Public School. We thank you, the parents for helping us and our students realise them.

You can be involved in your child’s education by helping in the classroom or within other areas of the school.

Have a great term.

Stage 2 Teachers,  
Warren Yee  
Andrea Haworth  
Kathleen Keegan  
Jaden Tran.
After assessing the levels reached by the children and referring to the curriculum and the Dundas Public School Scope and Sequence in Stage 2, the following Areas of Focus have been identified.

**ENGLISH**

**READING**
- Reading groups based on abilities.
- Guided and shared reading using various texts.
- Various reading and research skills linked to ‘Places: Then, Now and Tomorrow’
- Identification of different text types, both literary and factual.

**WRITING**
- Writing groups based on abilities.
- Exploring and writing various text types – description and narratives.
- Handwriting focusing on consistent size and slope.

**TALKING & LISTENING**
- Students will be involved in various group presentations based on HSIE topic.
- Students will present speeches on various topics.
- Note taking skills.

**SPELLING**
- Spelling activities based on the Stage 2 ‘Ants in the Apple’ spelling program.

**GRAMMAR**
- Past tense
- Paragraphing
- Punctuation
- Verbs
- Adverbs
- Adjectives
MATHEMATICS

Whole numbers:
- Orders, reads and writes numbers of any size.

Addition and subtraction:
- Selects and applies appropriate strategies for addition and subtraction with counting numbers of any size.

Multiplication and Division:
- Identifies multiples and factors for a given number.

Length:
- Selects and uses the appropriate unit and device to measure lengths, distances and perimeters.
- Estimate and measure perimeter

Patterns and Algebra:
- Explains the relationship between multiplication facts

Position:
- Uses N, S, E, W to describe the location of objects on a simple map

HSIE
In the unit of work – ‘Places: Then, Now and Tomorrow’ students will learn about:
- Significant natural, heritage and built features in the local area, NSW and Australia, and their uses.
- Differing viewpoints about community heritage.
- Changes to people and places in the Sydney region as a result of British Colonisation
- Causes and effects of change in the local community.
- Environmental changes.
- Origins and backgrounds of people in the local community.
- The diversity of groups within and between communities.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
In the unit of work – ‘Material World’ students will learn about and understand that:
- Natural resources are limited and so need to be used wisely.
- There are benefits and problems associated with human changes to the physical environment.
- Materials are formed, joined, shaped and finished.
- Manufacturing processes convert raw materials into useful products.

CREATIVE ARTS
- Exploring Drama & Dance program.
- Visual art – based on HSIE unit ‘Places: Then, Now and Tomorrow’ and other art incorporating art appreciation and elements of design.
- Music Express program.
**PDHPE**
- Peer Support program.
- Drug Education program.
- Stage 2 Sport Friday 9.00 – 10.00.
- Winter PSSA Representative Sport – soccer, netball, and AFL.
- Fitness – 15 minutes per day, two times a week.

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**Library lessons**

**WRITING IMPLEMENTS AND CORRECT UNIFORM**
Please ensure that your child has their correct writing implements and the correct uniform for the day. Sport uniform is to be worn on Fridays.

**INTERVIEWS**
Parents are requested to phone the office or write a note to the teacher if they require an interview.
Teachers are **not** available Wednesday mornings 8.30 – 8.55am or Tuesday 3.00 – 4.30pm due to staff meetings. We request that all interviews be kept to a maximum of 20 minutes. We look forward to working with you for the future education of your child.

**STAGE 2 TEACHERS**
Mr Warren Yee - 3/4 Y
Mrs Andrea Haworth - 3/4 H
Mrs Kathleen Keegan - 3/4 K
Mr Jaden Tran - 3/4 T