Stage 2 Class Information
3 Mexico Term 1, 2016

Welcome back to the start of a brand new school year. We hope everyone had a great school holiday and we are looking forward to a great year of learning.

My name is Mr McCann and I am really looking forward to teaching 3 Mexico this year. I know that during Term 1, I will enjoy getting to know all the students in my class.

Important Days to note
Mondays – Library with Mrs Payne
Tuesdays - PD/H with Mrs Wilson and whole school assembly (every fortnight)
Wednesdays – Scripture
Thursday – Sports in Schools (students wear school uniform)
Friday – Sport (students wear sports uniform)

Teaching and Learning
Students will be involved in a large range of Literacy and Numeracy activities. They will have times when they are working individually, in small groups and as a whole class. Spelling activities will focus on a specific sound and rule each fortnight as well as a mnemonic for students to remember. A big focus throughout the year will be on students learning their times tables. More information about this area will be discussed at our parent information session on Tuesday 16th February at 6pm. Our Science and History topics, over the course of the year, will be covering life cycles, national parks, significant days, built environments and community. Students will be participating in weekly morning fitness and this year, it is an art show year so you can look forward to seeing lots of great art.

Technology
In the next few weeks students will receive their log on for Mathletics and Spelling City which will be used both at school and as a homework task. Stage notes and school information can be found at our school website

Homework
Homework will not be starting until Monday 29th February (Week 6). This will fit with our fortnightly spelling program. There will be a project in both Semester 1 and Semester 2. We will run through specific homework procedures at our parent information session. Your child will need an A4 sized book for their homework. This will need to be at school by Monday 22nd February.
Equipment

The following items will be required:

1 x Small Pencil Case: this should contain essential items such as 5 lead pencils (2B), white eraser, pencil sharpener, 3-4 highlighters, glue stick and scissors. This pencil case will be kept on student desks so they have quick access to regularly used learning materials.

1 x Small Pencil Case: this should contain items for work presentation. Good quality wind up crayons are the best as they make colouring quick and the colours are vibrant. They also don’t need sharpening which saves lots of time. This pencil case will be kept under student desks so their work space is not cluttered.

Textas and coloured pencils are also a useful in the classroom. Students can bring these in clearly labelled with their name on the packet and they will be stored ready for use when projects and group work is being completed. **No gel pens are permitted at any time.**

Other Items: students will need a couple of things that fit under their desks to store loose stencils etc in. 2 x display folders and 1 x A4 cardboard envelopes should be sufficient. Please ensure your child’s name is on them. Your child will also need a set of ear bud headphones (for use during computer activities). These are best stored in a small plastic container or snaplock bag with your child’s name marked on it. One A4 homework book will also need to be supplied.

Students also please bring **one box of tissues and two rolls of paper towel** at the start of the year for the classroom. You would be surprised how many tissues we go through in a year!!

Please do not buy contact to cover books – this will be done at school. The only book students will be expected to cover at home will be their homework books.

Please note that liquid paper, white out, white out tape and all similar items are banned at school.

Please ensure that all items have your child’s name clearly marked on them.
Class Management Plan

A strong emphasis is placed on the fact that we are at school to learn. Students are recognised for the positive contributions they make to the class learning environment. Students understand that class rules and expectations help us achieve this. Students are rewarded in various ways including individual praise, prize auction, table points, dojos and whole class rewards. The aim is for all students to be the best they can be.

Our school rules are as follows;
- Treat others with kindness and respect
- Work and play safely
- Follow instructions
- Look after school and personal property
- Be in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself

Students not following the rules/expectations are preventing themselves and others from learning. We have school rules that we use to be fair and consistent in our expectations. We provide fair opportunity for students to rectify any poor behaviour choices they are making.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. As I am getting to know the children over these next few weeks, if you have anything you believe we need to be aware of – especially in regards to medical conditions, allergies, family situations, etc – please contact me at the school, in person, via note or via email. My email address is:

ryan.mccann3@det.nsw.edu.au

If you are unable to make the parent information meeting, please feel free to give me a call at school or stop in and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you all over the up and coming weeks.

Kind Regards,
Mr R McCann
Class Teachers
8th February 2016

Mrs Sue Estens
Principal