



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 3, 2023 OUTLINE

Year 3 - Room 14

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you have had a fantastic break and are ready for a wonderful term ahead.

Room 14 has made a great start to the term and I am delighted to be teaching your child. We have had a very busy and fun first week together while I have been taking the time to get to know all the students in Room 14. We have also been discussing our classroom culture and what we believe this should look like.

Showing kindness and respect, displaying friendly behaviour and using appropriate language to both peers and teachers was agreed on to be of high importance.

Ahead of us this term, we have a number of exciting and important events such as a School Development Day on Monday 21st August, Good Standing events in weeks 5 & 10, Book Week in week 6, Faction Athletics Carnival in week 9 and several assemblies.

CLASS INFORMATION

ENGLISH

Spelling, including Grammar & Punctuation

Using Sound Waves, students are pre-tested on a set of focus words with a common sound, spend several sessions engaging in activities to learn their words and are then post tested every Friday to monitor their spelling progress. Sound Waves is also used to develop word recognition.

Reading

Home reading, paired fluency, picture book analysis and listening for enjoyment will be the main methods used to develop students understanding, fluency and comprehension. Paired reading involves the repeated reading of short passages which has been shown to improve the rates of reading, reading accuracy and fluency. Paired reading will occur four times per a week, with students working in pairs to read the same passage aloud across the course of the week. Analysing picture books and partaking in a class novel will provide students with the opportunity to be exposed to vocabulary, develop their comprehension and enhance their literacy knowledge.

Writing

Writing is a daily activity where we work on sentence structure and build on our writing skills and stamina. Students will be given opportunities to practise writing across a variety of genres and develop a sound knowledge of text structures. We will start this term off focusing on sentence structure and how we can improve on our writing by 'stretching' a sentence. This will then remain a focus as we move into units focusing on poetry, narratives and recount writing.

MATHEMATICS

In our Numeracy Blocks we constantly revise taught skills and work together to learn new skills. Each day students use their New Wave Mental Math books to revise and build problem solving skills. Math concepts are introduced through explicit teaching and students also have the opportunity to use Mathletics to support learning and practise new concepts. Concepts to covered this term include:

Number and Algebra - Numbers into the 10 000 & multiplication facts of twos, threes, fives and tens and related division facts

Measurement and Geometry - Telling time to the minute

Statistics and Probability - Chance and data representation and interpretation

HASS

History

This term in Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) we will revisit Civics and Citizenship focusing on Democracy, Laws and Citizens.

SCIENCE

Our focus this term is Chemical Sciences, investigating the key enquiry question - how do materials change when heated and cooled? Students will learn that there are three states of matter - solid, liquid and gas. They will explore how adding or removing heat can affect a material's state of matter through investigations and experiments.

STEM

STEM is an integrated learning subject that involves Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics skills and knowledge. In Design and Technologies/STEM students will engage in cooperative hands-on experiences of planning, designing, creating, and evaluating. The experiences will link in with what we are doing in other learning areas.

Health

Students will continue to follow 'The Zones of Regulation Program' which teaches students self-control and self-regulation. Students will also engage in numerous activities to help them to develop their understanding of being healthy, safe and active including Protective Behaviours. We will also introduce the Friendly Schools Plus program in our class this term. This program is designed to enhance social and emotional learning and to reduce bullying.

LOTE, The Arts, Sport and Digital Technologies will be taught by Specialist teachers. There have been some changes to the days and times of these subjects.

LOTE: Indonesian - Mrs Vanessa Pieterse will teach the class Indonesian on Tuesdays

Art - Mrs Jane Neil-Smith will be taking the class for Art on Wednesdays

Drama - Mrs Kristy Ball will be taking the class for Drama on Wednesdays

Phys Ed (Sport) - Mrs Kristy Ball will be taking the class for Phys Ed on Thursdays

Digital Technology - Mrs Vanessa Pieterse will be taking the class for Digital Technology Thursdays

Music - Ms Marion Witham will be taking the class for Music on Fridays

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COLLABORATIVE SPORT

Each week students will participate in collaborative sport with the Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. This will be scheduled for Monday afternoons (weather permitting) so please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear on this day.

LIBRARY

Our class Library Day is Tuesdays after lunch. Students will have some time for quiet reading before listening to a story for enjoyment and borrowing a book or two for the week ahead. Students will need to bring a library bag in order to borrow and books must be returned before new ones can be issued.

HOME READING

Students are encouraged to read each night for home reading. Please sign the diary to indicate that your child has completed their reading.

STUDENTS ON SCHOOL SITE AFTER 8:30am

Just a reminder as we commence a new term, students are permitted to arrive at school from 8:30am.

TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted by calling through the front office or emailing me.

Contact options:

Your child's diary - please remind your child to show me your note.

School office - 9861 3200

Via email - deirdre.patterson@education.wa.edu.au

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a great Semester 2 with Room 14.

Kind Regards,
Miss Deirdre Patterson