Dear Grade 3 Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome you to the beginning of 2016 and your child’s year in grade 3. We are excited to be working in partnership with the grade 3 children and their families this year. As each year begins, many things happen in the classrooms, from labelling books and equipment, to beginning new topics and starting first assessment pieces. These things and more, have already started in your children’s classroom, it is a busy and exciting time for all.

We have many things planned for the year and will be busy working hard, having fun and ensuring that learning takes place in our classrooms every day. For the first few weeks we will be focussing on developing strong work habits, setting clear classroom expectations and getting to know one another.

**Our Integrated Studies topics for the year are as follows:**
Term 1: Australia, The Community
Term 2: Kids in the Kitchen
Term 3: Early Australia
Term 4: Environment

**Australia, The Community**
The unit looks at symbols of Australia, mapping, the national anthem, national celebrations and commemorations and cultural groups that make up Australia. It is an interesting and valuable unit for the children to learn.

**Specialist days and times (For the month of February)**

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**Working outside of school hours**
This year children will be encouraged to complete tasks outside of school that will consist of 5 nights of reading (20minutes each night), spelling words to learn for the week and weekly homework tasks. Take home books will be provided for students and changed weekly.

A major program that is taking place in from the 7th of March til the 18th of March in term 1 is the swimming program. This program takes place at the East Keilor Leisure Centre with fully qualified instructors and is a 9 day program. (Labour Day falls in this time). It is a great opportunity for the children to continue to learn or further develop important water safety skills and stroke techniques. All children have been given notes providing information about this program.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you have any queries or questions.
(ph: 9336 1739 during office hours)

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