



Welcome to Stage 3 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The following document provides an overview of Stage 3 events and activities that are relevant to your child. A more detailed explanation will be delivered at the upcoming Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 22 February. See the timetable below:

Date	Wednesday 22nd February
Time	5:40pm - 6:20pm
Location	Your child's classroom

Stage 3 Staff

The team of teachers on Stage 3 this year are as follows:

- **5K** – Mr Ben Krisher
- **5S** – Mrs Belinda Sanderson
- **5B** – Mrs Lisa Bolte
- **5E** – Miss Emily Lucas
- **5L** – Mrs Tayla Lythall
- **6G** – Mr Elliott Gordon
- **6T** – Ms Tahlee Hamilton
- **6H** – Mrs Kylie Haines
- **6R** – Mr Shane Randall
- **RFF (Science)** – Mrs Kath Lester; **(Library)** – Mrs Molly Castro
- **Stage 3 Assistant Principal** – Mr Clint Lowe

ClassDojo - How You Can Get In Touch With Your Class Teacher.

Teachers will communicate with parents through ClassDojo. Hopefully by now you have been connected to your child's class. Please contact the office if you require assistance. We acknowledge that some of our families do not have access or choose not to use technology. If you are unable to connect to ClassDojo, inform your child's teacher and they will make alternate arrangements with you. Here is some important information from our Terrigal Public School ClassDojo policy:

- Parents are encouraged to have their notifications switched on so they receive all information in a timely manner.
- Class teachers will check ClassDojo messages once per day Monday – Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. In the event that a class teacher is absent, you may not receive a reply until they return to school. Teachers cannot respond to messages while teaching and may not respond immediately to messages sent.
- Parents need to contact the office for urgent messages, e.g. same day change in pick up arrangements. This will ensure that urgent messages reach the students in time.
- Images containing a student other than your own child may not be published or shared digitally in any way. This includes publishing or sharing on other social media apps.
- Communication must be respectful at all times.

Homework

Homework will be distributed each week and is to be returned for marking. Please ensure you provide your child with a covered homework book. Homework will also be posted on the class Google Classroom page if your child prefers to complete their homework online (therefore no homework book is required). At various times throughout the year, homework will be supplemented with class projects or other curriculum-based activities (eg: speech writing).

Absences

It is a mandatory state government requirement that all student absences are explained in writing. You can notify your child's teacher via Class Dojo, the school app or by writing a note. If you are planning a holiday or extended leave period, please contact the school office to obtain a leave form. It is imperative that you notify your child's teacher of an absence as soon as possible.

Resource Packs

Book and stationery packs have been distributed to students already. Please keep an eye out for the payment form so you can make a payment for your child's pack. It is every child's responsibility to ensure that they have the required equipment at school each day and replenish items when they are no longer in working order.

NAPLAN – Year 5 2023

Students in Year 5 will complete NAPLAN tests for writing, reading, conventions of language and mathematics. Students will undertake NAPLAN tests online between 15-27 March. More information will be provided closer to the date. If you have any questions about this please contact the school.

High School Enrolment Forms

These are being distributed to students later this month and should be returned as soon as possible. All students need to have this filled in, regardless of their chosen high school. You will notice that your child's designated local government school will already be recorded. This is based on your current residential address.

Money Collection

All payments of money are to be made to the office. Envelopes are provided in the office area and should be clearly marked with your child's name, class, the amount of money and what the payment is for. Money should be deposited in the box provided at the school office. Terrigal Public School encourages online payments through the school website. Please ensure permission notes for participation and receiving medical advice are filled in correctly.

Hats

School hats are part of our school uniform and the students are expected to wear a school hat in the playground and during outdoor activities in accordance with our 'Sun Safe' Policy.

Playground

Stage 3 students will play on the bottom playground for their daily recess and lunch breaks (30 minutes each).

Personal Student Items:

It would be appreciated if a box of tissues, hand wash (alcohol free), paper towels, or other cleaning cloths be donated for classroom use (these items are optional).

Keeping up to date with what's happening at TPS

To make sure you are kept up to date with the latest Terrigal Public School news, our school newsletter 'Sea Breeze' is available on the school app, school website or by email subscription every Thursday. Paper copies are available for those without access to the internet. Please inform the office staff if you would like a paper copy. Notes sent home may also be shared on the 'Class Story' in the ClassDojo app. You can download the Terrigal Public School app or 'like' the Terrigal Public School Facebook page.

Overview of Learning

Outlined below is an overview of the content covered across all Key Learning Areas this year. Staff will also be preparing for the implementation of the new English and Mathematics syllabuses in 2024.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
English	<u>Writing</u> : Imaginative & Persuasive texts. Weekly spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons. <u>Reading Groups</u> : Guided, Modelled and Independent Reading Linked to STARS (reading strategies) <u>Speaking and Listening</u> : <u>Public speaking</u> (KLA link)	<u>Writing</u> : Persuasive & Informative texts. Weekly spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons. <u>Reading Groups</u> : Guided, Modelled and Independent Reading Linked to STARS (reading strategies) <u>Speaking and Listening</u> : Public speaking competition	<u>Writing</u> : Informative & Persuasive texts. Weekly spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons. <u>Reading Groups</u> : Guided, Modelled and Independent Reading Linked to STARS (reading strategies) <u>Speaking and Listening</u> : Debating	<u>Writing</u> : Poetry. Weekly spelling, grammar and punctuation lessons. <u>Reading Groups</u> : Guided, Modelled and Independent Reading Linked to STARS (reading strategies) <u>Speaking and Listening</u> : Debating and impromptu speaking
Mathematics	Whole Number Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Fractions & Decimals Patterns & Algebra Length Area 2D Space Data	Whole Number Multiplication & Division 3D Space Volume & Capacity Multiplication & Division Addition & Subtraction	Whole Number Multiplication & Division Addition & Subtraction Patterns & Algebra Fractions & Decimals Mass Time Chance	Angles Position Fractions & Decimals Multiplication & Division 2D Space Data Revision
<i>The teaching of mathematics will be supported by an online teaching and assessment resource known as <u>Essential Assessment</u>. This resource supports staff to differentiate content and meet the individual numeracy needs of all students. Each student has their own individual login code to access and complete personalised mathematics tasks.</i>				
Science & Technology	STEM/Science: Living World		STEM/Science: Material World	
<i>All science lessons will be taught by Mrs Lester.</i>				
HSIE	Geography A Diverse and Connected World		History Year 5: Australian Colonies /Year 6: Australia as a Nation	
Library	<i>Novel studies, research and inquiry and borrowing. Taught by Mrs Castro</i>			
<i>When possible, lessons are delivered in a collaborative setting with neighbouring classes and teachers teaming up to deliver content in an engaging environment with the embedded use of technology.</i>				

Creative Arts	<u>Visual Arts</u> Artist study, art appreciation and art composition <u>Drama</u> Moving, role-playing, improvising, performing dance drama, freezing, mirroring, shadowing, tapping.		<u>Music</u> Singing of songs, demonstrating an awareness of beat, pitch, tone colour and structure. <u>Dance</u> Fitness and Year 6 Farewell preparation dance routines.	
PDHPE	PDH: You Can Do It & Cyber Safety PE: Fundamental Movement skills	PDH: You Can Do It PE: Athletics & Team Sports	PDH: Nutrition, Life Ed. & Interrelate PE: Games and Sports	PDH: Child Protection PE: Dance & Swimming
<i>Stage 3 sport occurs each Friday. Students are to wear sports uniform on Fridays.</i>				

Important Stage 3 Events

Outlined below are some of the major events happening this year that apply to Stage 3 students. Please keep an eye out for notes throughout the year for an update on these activities.

Activity	Proposed Date
School Swimming Carnival	21 February
Star Struck and Central Coast Dance Festival (rehearsals and performances)	Throughout Term 1 and 2
NAPLAN (Year 5)	18-27 March
Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp	20-22 September
Year 6 Overnight Excursion to Canberra	20-22 September
Year 6-7 Transition to High School Program	Throughout Semester 2
Year 6 Farewell	Date TBC (late Term 4)
Year 6 Graduation	Date TBC (late Term 4)

Sport trials will occur throughout the year for various sports for both school and Tuggerah Lakes teams. Information will be provided to interested students as these events are scheduled.

