



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

1/3/2018

Dear Parents

We have had a smooth start to the year – your children have settled in and are working well.

Our week old chicks are doing well and have had a growth spurt already! There are 17 females – 23 went back to the farm on Friday . We only keep 7 or 8 in the village so If you would like to take two to raise at home (you will need a coop and run etc) we will be selling the chicks for \$5.00 each in a few weeks . They need to sleep under a light for the first 6 weeks. They will start laying in July.

Spelling & Reading

As you will be aware the week's spelling words are pre tested on a Monday and tested again on Friday . The words are able to be accessed at home through the Spelling City Program . Children have been given user names and passwords.

Google – Spelling City

User name child's first name and grade all in lower case no spaces eg.mary3mw

Password osps also in lower case

Go to Lists and Games box – the words will come up.

Where children have more than three or more words incorrect in the pre test they start on activities in the STUDY section at school – the TEST and TEACH activity. The FLASH CARD activity is great for those needing extra practise, as is AUDIO MATCHING and SENTENCE MATCHING. SPEEDY SPELLER is great for the more able spellers. For these children with very few mistakes in the list and challenge words, The next step is for them to learn the word meanings and to be able to use the words in sentences – have a look at SENTENCE and PARAGRAPH activities.

Just a reminder that the expectation is that children will **read** for at least 20 – 30 minutes a night and to have their reading record diary signed. Please include book titled and pages read. Children of all ages love to be read to – and reading aloud to an 'interested' adult helps to develop their fluency and expression.

FETE

Fete notices have been sent home each week through the office . Our stalls are shared so it doesn't really matter where you place your name. We all work together to make sure each and every stall is a success. Once a list fills we will fill up any other spots. Obviously some stalls need more helpers per hour than others .Please send you slips back as soon as you can. We will be adding your name to our communal board which will be on display in the village mall next week.

It will be located in the hall alcove opposite 3JS (the classroom closest to the hot house).

If would be great if every family were able to donate at least an hour of their time on fete day. There will also be a lot to do in the weeks leading up to the fete – potting plants and succulents – any assistance will be very welcome. Most of what we sell has been grown from cuttings prepared by the 2017 year 3s. This year's farmers have already started striking cuttings for next year!

We are always looking for small containers / pottery pots / dishes suitable for succulents – so if you have any you no longer need please send them in. We have the whole school saving fruit tins but they mostly come from year 3.

Although the fete stalls and workload is shared – we have attached class names to the stalls to make it easier – The stalls are as follows – slightly different from how they were listed in earlier notices .

3DD Worm Wee & Kiss the Chicken Game
3MW Plants & Succulents
3KK Animal Farm & Plants
3JS Preserves & Produce
3JP Produce & Preserves
3MM Mother's Day Stall & Rock n Roast assistance
3KB Rock n Roast Rolls

Mothers Day Stall

If you have anything we could sell on our stall – or can source any donations please see Maddy Morrison or Julie Kearney in the village.

Gardening – thank you to those parents who have already been in to start tidying up the garden. All help is much appreciated. Thank you also to those who have brought us succulent cuttings.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us or contact us by email with any queries or concerns about your child or the year 3 program.

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