

# **MRS KHALAF'S YEAR 3 / 4 SUPER**

## **LEARNERS NEWSLETTER**

**#4 , WEEK 6, TERM 1**

**9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

### **Week 5 and 6 Overview**

- Playing "Categories" in Play is the Way. Students have to pass the ball to each other, concentrating on gaining each others' attention by saying the name first and demonstrating attentiveness by being ready to catch the ball. This game is so simple but requires students to work as a team. We got so good at it we were able to introduce three balls! This shows improved team communication.
- Continuing our class novel 'Homecoming' by Cynthia Voigt. This book focuses on themes of family and home.
- Learning CAFÉ reading strategies: Back up and reread and; tune in to interesting words
- Learning the writing process: Revising sentences to make them interesting and descriptive
- Doing Word Work activities to learn spelling words. We are focusing on choosing activities that help us learn our words best.
- Correcting incorrect and incomplete sentences in Grammar.
- Continuing to develop understanding of place value to tens of thousands and beginning to use open number lines.
- Beginning place value maths intervention across the Year 3/4 classes.

- Beginning our next Inquiry topic: 'Blood and Guts' all about health and body systems
- Listening to some fabulous sharing presentations about bullying.

### **Sharing**

Remember the sharing topic for Weeks 7 and 8 is physical health.

- How do you know if you are healthy?
- What things can you do to be and stay healthy?

### **Headphones**

Thank you to families that have provided cheap headphones for their child. If you are yet to do so, it would be great if it could be done soon.

### **BYO iPads**

We use iPads for various purposes such as presentation, sharing information and researching. To do this we require the flexibility of being able to use a variety of apps. Some personal iPads are still coming to school without all the requested Year 3 and 4 apps. If you are unsure which apps you need to download, please check the schools iTunesU course which should be downloaded onto your iPad.

### **Lead pencils**

I believe that missing lead pencils live with lost socks – they vanish for no apparent reason. Therefore, please stock up on lead pencils for your child if possible. It will save learning time (and my sanity! ☺)

### **Upcoming events**

- I am away Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Petrea Fokkens will have the class.
- Assembly – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am
- I am away Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Petrea Fokkens will have the class.
- Sports Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Swimming – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March