Dear Parents,

Welcome to an exciting year at Ross Hill Public School. We look forward to working with you and your child. This year we will undertake studies in the following areas:

**English** - We will be adopting the “Reading To Learn” methodology where children will be reading good quality texts each day, and using these texts as models for their own writing. Emphasis will be placed on reading fluency and comprehension.

**Maths** - Mathematics has been split into 5 strands which consist of: Patterns and Algebra, Number, Measurement, Data and Space and Geometry.

**COGS** - HSIE, Science, PD/H/PE, Visual Arts, Dance and Drama. We will begin this term with the unit *Being Australian*. Students will study significant events and contributions made by ourselves and others to our heritage, our values and our Australian identity.

**PE** - There will be a focus on fitness and skill development this year.

**General Information**

**Sport** - Sport is held every Friday, unless indicated otherwise. All children are asked to wear their sports uniform on this day and bring their money (when required), a hat and a drink bottle.

**Homework** - Children will receive homework each week. It consists of a homework grid requiring students to complete a variety of activities, weekly spelling words and maths exercises. Students are also expected to read for 10 minutes each evening. Students are asked to return their homework at the end of the week.

Once a term children will have a longer assignment based on the COGS unit being studied.

**Banking** - on Tuesday

**Library** - Library is held every Wednesday. Children are asked to bring a bag if they wish to borrow a book.

**Scripture** - Scripture is held on Tuesday afternoons.

**Newsletters** - Every Wednesday the youngest child in each family will be given a newsletter to take home.

**Absent note** - If your child is away, could you please send a note explaining your child’s absence the day they return to school. This is departmental policy.

*Please make sure everything is marked clearly with your child’s name.*

*Please make sure that your child wears their hat to school each day.*

We look forward to working with your child this year. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Thankyou,

The Year 3 Teachers

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