

WELCOME TO YEAR THREE

*Together may we
give our children the
roots to grow and the
wings to fly.*

Your Teachers



3 GREEN

MRS DANA CONNOLLY

3 RED

MRS SALLY HANDYSIDE

Our Year 3 Team

In the Classroom



Mrs Dana
Connolly



Mrs Sally
Handyside



Miss Amy
London

Learning Support



Mrs Amanda
Barratt



Mrs Lisa
Parker

Library



Mrs Janelle
Hamling



Mrs Heidi
Power



Mrs Lillian
Arici

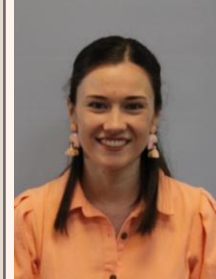
Specialist Teachers



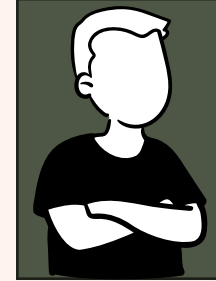
Mr Charles
Mackenzie-
Smith
(Japanese)



Mr Andrew
Wilson
(Design Tech)



Mrs Victoria
Keomavahong
(Music)



Mr Nick
Anderson
(HPE)



Ms Lee-
Anne Plasto
(Art)

Our Learning Support Team Year 3 to 6.



Mrs. Amanda
Barratt



Mrs. Lisa
Parker

Mrs Barratt and Mrs Parker will work alongside Year 3 to 6 teachers to provide inclusive and responsive support through:

- small group Mathematics and Literacy instruction,
- targeted intervention, and
- regular check in opportunities.

We support the teachers to:

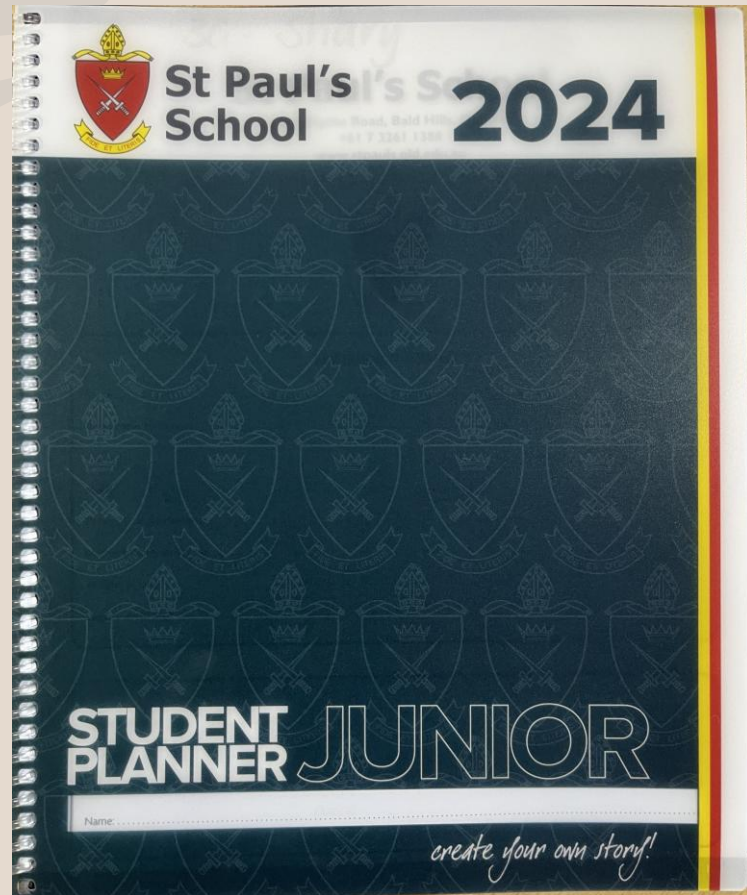
- reduce barriers to learning,
- reinforce classroom learning,
- respond to individual student needs, and
- ensure all students feel supported, confident, and able to engage meaningfully with their learning.

A Normal Day in Year 3!

8.30am	Arrive at School
8.35 – 9.00am	Pastoral Time
9.00 – 10.45am	Period 1 Period 2
10.45am – 11.05am	MORNING TEA
11.05am – 11.55am	Period 3
11.55am – 12.45pm	Period 4
12.45pm – 1.25pm	LUNCH
1.30pm – 2.20pm	Period 5
2.20pm – 3.00pm	Period 6
3.00pm – 3.10pm	Pack up and pick up

We have specialist lessons at all different times of the day!

The Diary



Refer to the information at the front of the diary for school rules, uniform requirements and other important tips about St Paul's School.

This year is the first time your child will manage a school diary. These will be used to write down important dates or daily work.

Diaries should be taken home every afternoon and returned the next morning.

This assists students to get into a routine of using their diary for years to come.

Laptops

- Students are allocated a laptop
- Each student has been given their own special username and password
- As a class, we will discuss the rules and safety of using the internet
- Laptops are to remain at school
- School programs can be accessed on home computers through the School Home Page or through the internet
- A list of passwords will be in their diary.

The following programs are used on laptops:

- Mathletics
- Literacy Pro
- Typing.com
- Maths Trek

As well as some others used from time to time.

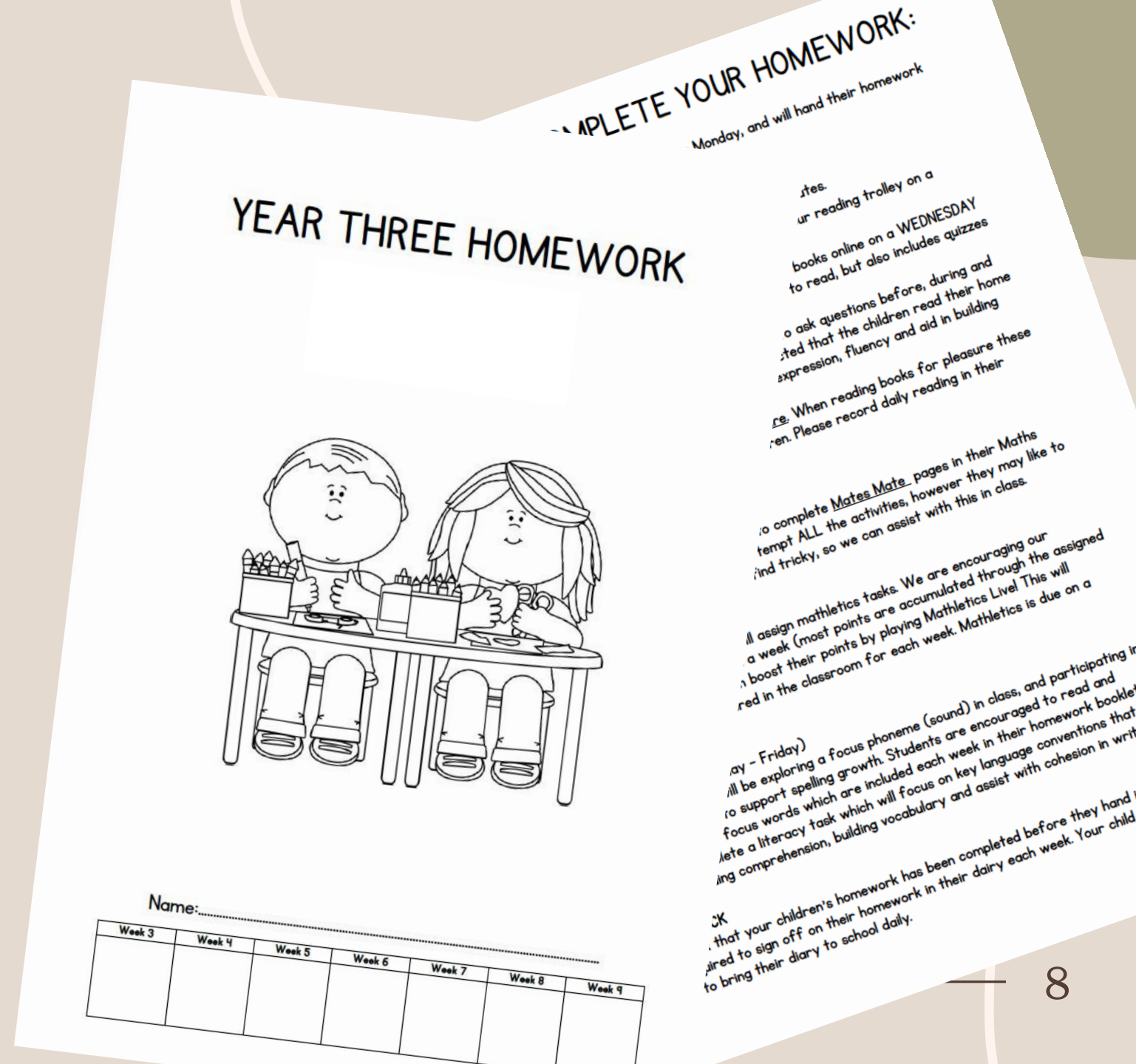


Homework

Please refer to the homework booklet for more information.

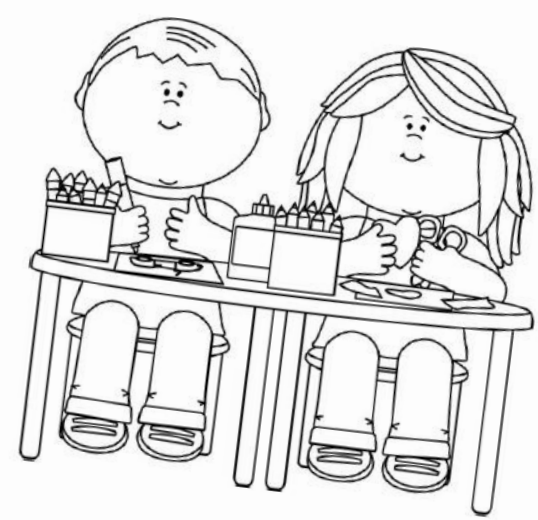
Key Points:

- Handed out on Monday, to be returned Friday
- Homework consists of Reading, a literacy task, two pages of Maths Mate, Mathletics
- Year 3 recommended homework time is 20minutes per night



COMPLETE YOUR HOMEWORK:
Monday, and will hand their homework

YEAR THREE HOMEWORK



Name:

Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9

...ates.
...ur reading trolley on a
...books online on a WEDNESDAY
...to read, but also includes quizzes
...o ask questions before, during and
...ted that the children read their home
...expression, fluency and aid in building
...e. When reading books for pleasure these
...en. Please record daily reading in their

...o complete Mates Mate pages in their Maths
...tempt ALL the activities, however they may like to
...ind tricky, so we can assist with this in class.

...ll assign mathletics tasks. We are encouraging our
...a week (most points are accumulated through the assigned
...n boost their points by playing Mathletics Live! This will
...red in the classroom for each week. Mathletics is due on a

...ay - Friday)
...ill be exploring a focus phoneme (sound) in class, and participating in
...o support spelling growth. Students are encouraged to read and
...o focus words which are included each week in their homework booklet
...lete a literacy task which will focus on key language conventions that
...ing comprehension, building vocabulary and assist with cohesion in writ
...CK
...that your children's homework has been completed before they hand
...ired to sign off on their homework in their diary each week. Your child
...to bring their diary to school daily.

Homework

- Students try to take their time with their homework and present it in a way that is neat and tidy
- Parents are encouraged to check their child's homework just to see if it's 'done'.
- It is expected that children will complete all homework tasks each week BUT if the week is busy, THAT'S OK! Do what you can.
- If a student is unsure about a particular question in their homework, they should see the classroom teacher for assistance prior to handing in their homework.

Homework Club: Students may attend Homework Club to 'get ahead' with their weekly homework. At times, if students aren't completing set homework, without good reason, they may be sent to Homework Club to finish it off.

Reading – At Home

Students who are ‘set for variability’

- Will select books from the reading trolley for home reading
- Will work with the Lexile framework
- Their Lexile level will assist them in choosing appropriate level books from the Library

Students who are ‘learning the code’

- Will bring home decodable readers with letters, sounds and high-frequency words they know
- Additional information can be shared with how best to support your child with decodable reading texts at home.

Please, please,
please encourage
reading!

- Reading magazines
- Reading novels
- Reading picture books
- Reading non-fiction ‘fact’ books
- Reading out-loud to you or a sibling
AND
- YOU reading to your children
(Don’t forget to do the voices!)

Sharing

TERM ONE SHARING

Speaking confidently in front of an audience is an important life skill that we all need the opportunity to practice. We will get many opportunities to build our skills in this area through our reading, writing, HASS and Science lessons, as well as through our regular class meetings.

Preparing a 'sharing presentation' is another opportunity to develop confidence with presenting in front of each other. We will get the opportunity to do this many times through the year, and are excited to see what you prepare!



What's in the Box?

During the term, your child will participate in sharing. Students will be given an allotted sharing day and are expected to be ready to present at this time.

There will also be other opportunities in class for students to share their ideas and work.

NAPLAN

This year, students will be completing NAPLAN testing. This begins on the 11th of March. The testing consists of four parts:

WRITING

Wednesday, 11th March

READING

Thursday, 12th March

CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE

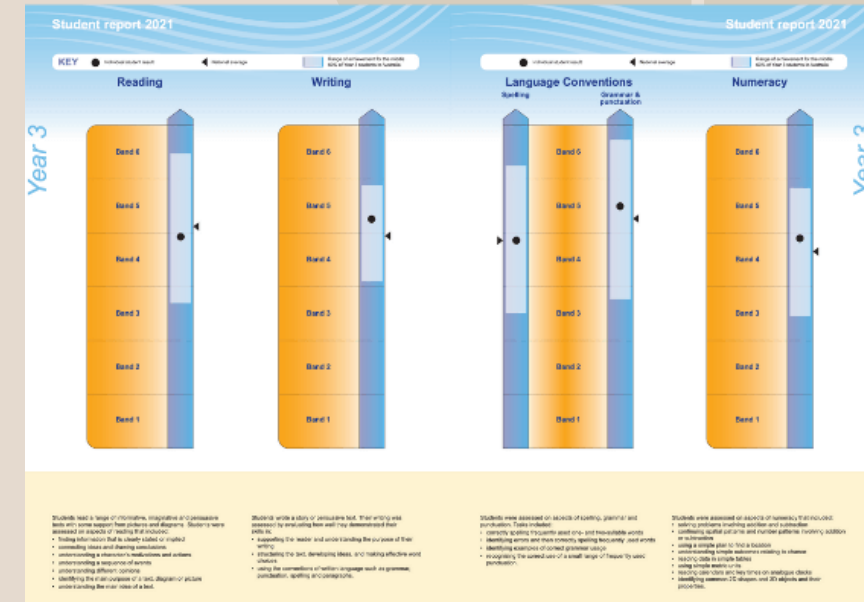
Friday, 13th March

NUMERACY

Monday, 16th March

NAPLAN

- To assist students in the lead up to the NAPLAN tests we will:
 - Complete practice tests
 - Assist them in becoming familiar with online tools
 - Familiarise students with the test materials
- The Writing Test is “hand-written” for Yr 3 only. All other tests are completed on student laptops.
- Results are sent to both your home and school towards the end of Term 3.
- Students can catch up on tests within a timeframe if they are absent.
- *There will be a formal practice of the NAPLAN tests using our computers before the test takes place.*



Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

If you would like your child to carry a mobile phone or smart watch, it must be handed to the teacher at the beginning of the school day. It will be returned to your child at 3:10pm.

If your child has any concerns throughout the day, they should ask teacher, who can contact you.

If you have any questions about this, please refer to our Mobile Phone and Wearable Devices Policy.



No Calls, Messages or Games



Step-Counting & Music Lesson Alerts are ok.

Uniforms

Uniforms remain as they were from Year 2

A reminder that students must have a hat each day. **No Hat, No Play.** No hat borrowing either.

All students are required to have an Art Smock.

In winter, students should wear tracksuit pants if cold. Girls are not permitted to wear stockings under shorts.

Years 1 - 3

Junior Polo Shirt

House Polo

Green Shorts

Jnr Green Hat

Green Socks

Junior Track Top

Track Pants

Chair Bag

Junior Library Bag

Art Smock

Back Pack Junior

Trolley Bag

Tuckshop & Retail Shop

Tuckshop:

- Tuckshop is ordered via the Flexischools app
- Students should not access the tuckshop before or during school

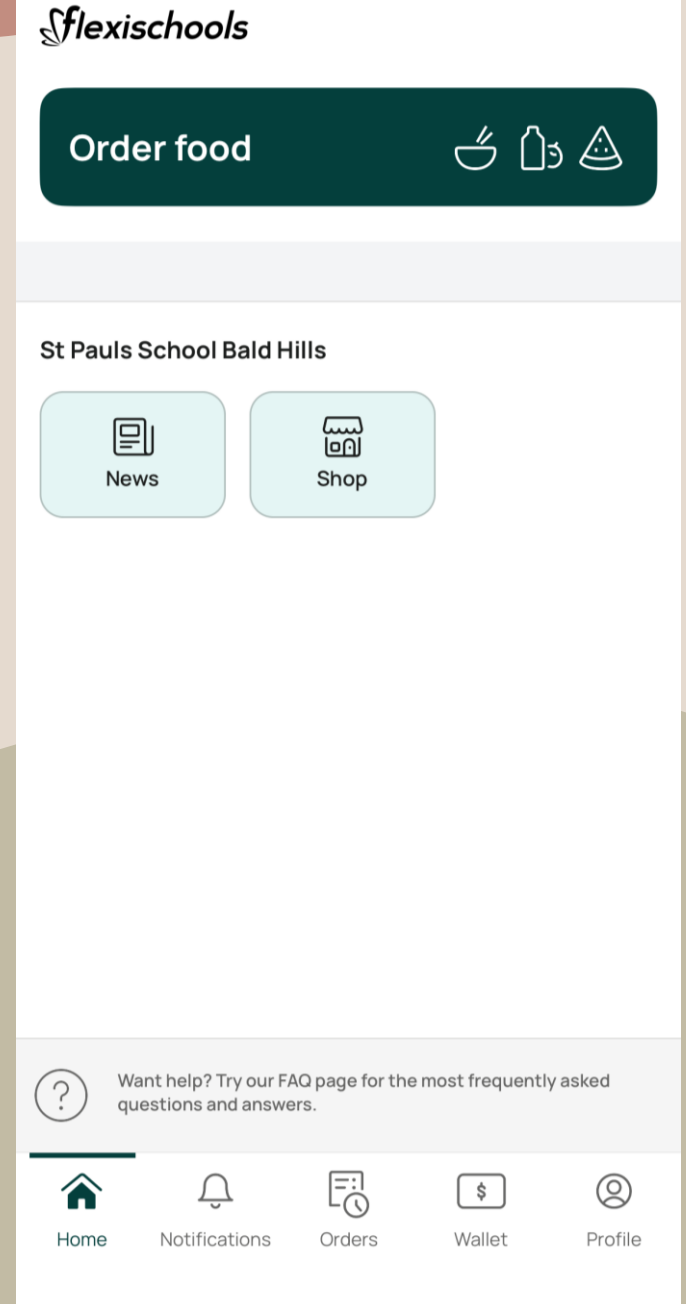


Retail Shop:

- You can order uniform items via Flexischools also
- These items are usually delivered to the classroom the next day

Special Events:

- The Junior School P&F often uses Flexischools for the purchase of Disco tickets etc. too



Extra Curricular Activities

Year 3s have the opportunity to be involved in:

- Some TAS Sports
- Junior Dance Troupe
- Red Shirts Choir
- Strings Ensemble
- Individual Music Lessons



Year 4 – 6 and Senior School students are expected to be involved in 3 in-school Extra Curricular Activities a year.

Year 3s could start to work to this, by being involved where they can!



TAS Sport

When numbers are smaller in Year 4, Year 3s might be invited to play in JTAS sports.



JTAS – Junior The Associated Schools (Junior School)

Term 1

Boys & Girls: Hockey, Cricket & Swimming

Term 2

Girls & Boys: Netball, Rugby Union & Cross Country

Term 3

Girls & Boys: Athletics, Basketball & Football (Soccer)

Term 4

Girls & Boys: Touch Football & Tennis

JS Library

JSL is open for students and their families to borrow, read, do homework, play games, puzzles or construction.

The JSL is opened from 8:00 to 8:25am and 3:10 to 3:30pm.



Communication

PARENT TO TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- Best **general contact** is via email or arranging a time to meet

3 Green: d.connolly@stpauls.qld.edu.au

3 Red: s.handyside@stpauls.qld.edu.au

- **Urgent messages** please contact the Junior School Reception

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St Paul's School policy states that:

“St Paul's staff are not expected to check or respond to emails out of regular work hours. They will endeavour to reply to your email in a timely fashion, within two business days.”



Communication – Seesaw

Year 3 will continue to use Seesaw to document our work and day!

We would love it you would look at their work and:

- Tell them something you like about their work
- Ask them a question
- Give a suggestion to improve or add to their thinking

(Note: All student work and parent comments do come through the teacher for approval.)



Communication – Parent Teacher Interviews

Start Term 2: Pastoral Care

Start Term 3: Progress and Results

Bookings are done on Parent Lounge or the Orbit App.

CAMP!

- Overnight Sleepover
- In the classrooms
- Term 3 or 4 (yet to be decided)
- Preparation for Year 4 Camp – away from school

2025 Camp looked like:

Day 1:

- 3:10pm, leave school and head home
- Have a shower, get into funky PJs and gather Camp Gear
- 5pm, return to School – Parents Leave!
- 6pm onward, have dinner and dessert, play games, watch a movie
- Off to bed

Day 2:

- Wake Up
- Have breakfast & play some games
- 10am, parents arrive for shared morning tea
- 10:30am, head home (for a sleep)



Bits and Pieces – In the Classroom

Brain Snack

- Quick 5min snack
- Fruit, cheese, yoghurt
- As mess-free as possible 😊
- Separate container



Birthdays

- Feel free to bring things to share
 - Zooper Doopers (already frozen!)
 - Cupcakes
- Those who have birthdays in holidays are welcome to have a ‘School Birthday’ – lets organise a date!



Bits and Pieces – Drop Off/ Pick Up

School Arrival Time

- Students are NOT supervised at school before 8am
- Before School Care at YMCA is available
- After 8am, students should:
 - Drop bag @ the classroom
 - Water Bottle to Trolley
 - Grab their hat
 - Head to the under-covered area/ handball courts/ oval or even Library!

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Students will come to you at the under-covered Area
- Students can also use the loading zone now in Year 3!
- Remember playgrounds are 'out of bounds' to all children (and siblings) before & after school
- The Library is open after school for families to visit until 3:30pm

Bits and Pieces - Other

Adult Bathrooms

- Due to Child Protection, adults are not permitted to be in the student's toilets.
- There is an adult toilet available near the Yr 3-6 changerooms in Lower Frost.

Questions?