Ardeer South Primary School  
Grade Three Parent Information Bulletin

Goals
Our goals this year will be to actively encourage the students to take a greater responsibility for their own learning. The teachers will certainly assist students when needed but we would like to see all students becoming more independent learners.

Homework
The purpose of homework in year three is to reinforce what we have been learning in the classroom and to develop independent, organisational and research skills.

*Weekly homework will include the following:*
- Spelling words to learn and practise (High frequency and personal words)
- Tables to learn and practise
- Read Take-Home books and discuss the main ideas of story with an adult.
- Practise reading silently for extended periods of time
- Finishing off work not yet completed in class
- Research - Students may need to find facts and information about a particular theme
- Take-Home Maths Card

There will be occasions when no specific homework is set. However, students can at these times read, learn tables or spelling words or carry out research or book reviews.

It is essential that students are encouraged to read on a daily basis and practise reading silently for extended periods of time at home. Reading daily newspapers, magazines, comics or books helps to develop reading skills and encourages the habit of reading. Reading in bed at night is a good idea. Ask your child to read aloud to you. Praise him / her for their efforts.

Attendance Times
Teachers do not commence yard duty until 8.30am each school day. We therefore encourage students not to arrive at school before this time. School programs begin promptly at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time. Parents are encouraged to farewell their children in the school yard, not in the corridor at 8.45am.

Contacting Teachers
If you need to see your child’s teacher regarding a school matter, please do so between 8.30am - 8.40am and 3.15pm - 3.30pm or ring the office to arrange an appointment time on 9363 2768.

Student Absences
If your child is absent from school, a note of explanation is required. A verbal explanation by the parent or a phone call is also acceptable.

Leaving the School Grounds
Parents are required to sign the “Early Dismissal Book” in the office if they wish to take their child home early.

Visiting Artists
Ardeer South Primary School runs a stimulating incursion program, which is intended to provide language stimulus and experiences to the students.

- **Term One:** Aladdin (1st March)
- **Term Two:** Bully No More (May 3rd)
- **Term Three:** Making the Impossible Possible (Aug 17th)
Parent Teacher Interviews
Regular Parent teacher contacts will be maintained and encouraged throughout the year.

Term 1:  
Parent Information Bulletin
Parent Teacher Interview

Term 3:  
Parent Teacher Interview with written report

Term 4:  
Written report and optional interview

Swimming
Swimming will be held at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre from 23rd August to 3rd September 2010.

Payment for Excursions/Incursions
To assist with the smooth running of the school, it is requested that the correct money be sent for visiting artists and excursions in the mornings. Prompt return of signed notes are also requested.

Notices
Notices are sent home on a regular basis to inform parents and sometimes to request information. Please check your child’s bag each night to ensure you are receiving all notices and assist your child to promptly return any required forms.

Library
Each student requires a plastic bag to borrow books from the library. Please make sure the books are cared for, as parents will be asked to pay for damaged or lost books.

Art
An old shirt or smock is needed to protect student’s clothes.

Healthy Habits - No Chocolate Bars or Lollies Please
We encourage students to bring fruit or healthy snacks for playlunch. Healthy students need nutritious food, exercise and lots of sleep. Please make sure your child goes to bed early.

Water Bottles
Students should have a named plastic water bottle which will be kept in the classroom and refilled as required.

School Uniform – Labelling
Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are labelled with student’s name and grade.

Medication
Parents are required to complete the Student Medication form (located in the school office) for their child to receive any medication during school hours.

Asthma Medication
It is very important that all children with asthma have their medication (puffer and spacer) in their bags EVERY day, even if they are not having an attack or feeling ill.

Asthma attacks can occur without warning and can be life threatening, so your child will need to have medication on hand at all times. Please remember to check the expiry dates on medications from time to time. You will also need to complete an Asthma Medication Management Plan at the beginning of the year and again if your child’s treatment changes.

Teachers
Mrs S. Klimeczak
Mrs C. Stoddart / Mrs A. Hadjimouratis
Ms I. Abdo