Dear Parents/Guardians,

After a great holiday break, our Year 3/4 students have settled down quickly and are very excited about what this busy term will bring.

**Important Dates for the Calendar**

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**Curriculum**

This term our class topic is Oceans/Rockpools. Students will be learning about coastal environments, marine life and vegetation and ways to look after these regions. If you have any resources at home that relate to this topic please feel free to send them along.

**Mathematics**

A major focus in Year 3/4 is for students to learn their times tables. In the classroom, students complete various fun, yet repetitive activities to assist them. However, we do encourage all students to continue to learn and revise their tables at home. It’s important for students to continue to revise the four number operations. During Term 1 we have a focus on place value, addition and subtraction and graphing. As well as revising times tables at home, you can help your child to develop their problem solving skills by using everyday activities. This can include measurement when cooking, adding amounts on shopping docters, differences in temperature from one day to the next or amounts of food to ensure every member of the family receives an equal share. Ask your child to explain their strategies to you.

**Websites of Interest:**

- Mathletics. Children will receive their Mathletics password shortly and will be able to access their account from home and school. [http://au.mathletics.com/#/home](http://au.mathletics.com/#/home)

**Handwriting**

We are sure that you have heard how eager your child is to receive their Handwriting Licence(Year 3) and/or Pen Licence(Year 4). All children are working hard to improve their handwriting and ensure it remains neat and legible.

**Homework**

Throughout the year your child will receive regular homework. Homework will be given out on Friday and must be returned by the following Thursday. We encourage students to complete their homework to the best of their ability and hand it in on time. This term homework consists of:

- 60 minutes of reading each week.
- Spelling(Look, Say, Cover, Name, Write, Check)
- Times Table Revision
- One activity from the Homework Rubric.

Homework is a valuable communication link between home and school. Please feel free to make comments or acknowledge your child’s effort and improvement. We ask that you check the standard of your child’s homework and initial your approval at the bottom of the page.

**Take Home Books**

Students in Year 3/4 are expected to be reading at home for a minimum of 15 minutes each day (or 60 minutes each week). We cannot emphasise enough, the importance of reading. At Bimbadeen, we encourage a variety of reading experiences at home such as; independent reading, shared reading and modelled reading by an adult. Students are encouraged to choose texts at their level and interest. The five finger test (choosing a page and if the student comes across five words that are too tricky for them, then the text is too difficult) is a great way to find appropriate texts. Students are able to borrow books from their classroom take home readers, school library, local libraries and/or your home library. Magazines,
newspapers, instruction manuals and recipes are all
great forms of reading material. We ask that
students bring their 'Take Home Book' and cover to
school on a daily basis. This helps the teacher
monitor each child's home reading habits and also
enables the children to read to classroom helpers.
The goal for Year 3 students is to reach Level 26 by
the end of the year and Year 4 students, Level 30.
Log on to sunshine online to access levelled books at
the following link: http://www.sunshineonline.com.au/
Username: Bimbadeen Password: Bimbadeen

**Student Wellbeing Programs**

In Term 1 our students have been discussing
important school and classroom values as part of the
whole school 'Valued Beginning' program. A Valued
Beginning reinforces our five school values at
Bimbadeen - RESPECT, FAIRNESS, COMPASSION,
HONESTY and UNDERSTANDING, and the 'You Can
Do It' foundations. Together, students and teachers
have created Class Agreements which promote
these whole school values.

Our 'You Can Do It' foundation this term is 'Getting
Along'. Children will be encouraged to practise this
important value in the classroom and playground as
well as during P.E and year level sport.

**Year 3 Camp**

This year our Year 3 students will be heading to
Camp Marysville from 12th - 14th October. Camp
Marysville has a strong focus on sustainability and
some of the activities include; team challenges,
drumming, climbing tower, canoeing, cooking and
gardening. More camp news to come at a later date.

**ICT**

In Year 3/4 each class has access to an I-Pad which
is used in conjunction with a Smart T.V. or
interactive whiteboard. These are used in whole
class and small group lessons in a variety of ways.
In Term 1 we focus on word processing. It is
important for students to be able to create new
and/or open existing documents, save their work
effectively and create an organised system to store
their work electronically. Students are taught to
navigate their way around the web and use a range
of learning websites. Internet Safety is at the
forefront of classroom discussions. This term we
celebrated Safer Internet Day on Feb 9th and
children participated in the 'Cyber Detective'
Learning Module. For more information on promoting
the safe use of the Internet go to the Office of

**Year 3/4 Timetable**

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**Year 3/4 Sport**

Year 3/4 Sport takes place each Friday from 2:30-
3:30pm. Our team names have taken inspiration from
'Super Foods' so you may have heard your child
mention some interesting team names such as
'Quinoa' or 'Acai Berries!' This term students have
been busy preparing for the Year 3/4 Athletics
Carnival, learning the skills necessary to compete on
the day. We hope to see you on this day!

**Reminders**

- We encourage students to bring 'Brain Food' to
school to eat at approximately 10am each day. Brain
food consists of fresh fruit and vegetables.
Research states that this food boosts your brain
power and keeps your mental processes operating
effectively.
- Don't forget that Bimbadeen is a Sun Smart School
and wide brimmed hats are compulsory in Terms 1 &
4. Hats are available at the Uniform Shop and must
be worn by all children when outside at playtime and
lunchtime. Children who do not have a hat will have a
restricted play area under cover.
- As the weather continues to be warm, students will
need to keep themselves hydrated. We encourage
students to have a drink bottle with a sturdy lid on
their tables which they can refill during the day.
We are looking forward to a great term! If you have
any queries please don't hesitate to contact your
child's teacher.

Kind Regards,

Year 3/4 Team