Welcome back to Term 2!

Waratah Main Unit:  
Mr Dean Dudgeon – 3DD
Mrs Belinda Rathborne – 3R
Miss Brielle Riley – 3BRI
Miss Yumiko Dark – Japanese

Waratah Portable:  
Miss Chelsea Kaylock - LSC
Mrs Lesley Crawford – EALD
Miss Fiona D’Elboux – Reading Recovery
Waratah Executive: – Mr Gareth Richards

Literacy:
Students in Waratah will continue the school year focusing on Recount texts. Students will be learning the skills of understanding how different types of texts vary in use of language choices, depending on their purpose and context (for example, tense and types of sentences). Students will read an increasing range of different types of texts and examine different types of recounts such as personal, factual, imaginative, procedural and literal.

Numeracy:
This term Waratah students are focusing on the following areas:
Ø Using units of measurement – time, length, mass and capacity.
Ø Shape – Make models of 3D shapes and describing key features.
Ø Patterns and algebra – creating number patterns from addition or subtraction.

Integrated Unit of Work
This term students in Waratah will study a Convict and Early Settlers unit of work designed to explore why convicts were sentenced, the conditions they experienced both before and after their transportation, punishments they received and where they settled upon arriving in Australia. Students will investigate aspects from the Australian Curriculum that relate to this unit of work and experience lifestyles of the early settlers whilst on camp.

Physical Education:
The students of Waratah will be participating in various sport and dance activities throughout the term. Students will be developing their fundamental movement skills as well
as learning about good sportsmanship and fair play. Every Monday the Unit will participate in our ‘Every Chance to Dance’ program.

Hats and Clothing

Please ensure that your child’s name is on all clothing as many hats and jumpers disappear. Lost property can be found in the hall entrance before and after school. Jumpers, hats and other items will be returned to their owners if they have a name on them. As Gordon is a sun smart school, hats are required to be worn all year round except for the months of June and July.

Before School

All students are required to move to the quad on arrival at school each morning. Students with bikes or scooters must ensure that they are locked in the bike rack and then go directly to the Quad. No bikes or scooters should be ridden on school grounds.

Stationery:

Could parents and carers please check that stationery supplies for their child are brought into school. Items like workbooks, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, glue and coloured pencils are essential items. Should you require assistance please see Mr Richards or your classroom teacher.

Library Class Borrowing Times:

Our library times are as follows:

* Tuesday – 3R
* Wednesday - 3BRI
* Friday – 3DD

Students will need a library bag if they are to borrow books from the library.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact your child’s classroom teacher or Mr Richards.

We look forward to a fantastic term

Mrs Rathborne, Miss Riley, Mr Dudgeon, Miss Dark, Miss Kaylock, Mrs Crawford, Miss D’Elboux and Mr Richards