**Homework Expectations:**

- Please remember that we expect grade 3/4 students to use Mathletics several times a week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)
- Is your child *reading* for 20-30 minutes every night or morning at home? Are you signing your child’s diary at least once a week?
- Students are bringing home Spelling words each week. Thank you to those parents who have started to come in on a Monday morning after assembly to help test all of the children on their spelling words. If you are able to help, please speak to one of us as soon as possible.

**Hats** must be worn outside during Terms One and Four. Please ensure your child is wearing his or her hat when leaving for school in the morning.

It is important that all students bring *drink bottles* containing water to school every day, especially when the weather is particularly hot.

It is important that you check your child’s *communication folder* and diary each night. Please help your child to remember to return this folder to school each day. Please put any correspondence to your teachers in the folder.

Thank you so much for supplying us with your *email addresses*. This will help us with communicating effectively with you. If you are yet to do so, please supply us with this as soon as you can.

We have begun completing NAPLAN practice papers in class to familiarise our grade 3 students with the style of these tests. Grade 4 students are also completing these papers as this will assist them with future NAPLAN testing. You can help your child at home, as always, by discussing and practising problem-solving skills and ideas for approaching maths problems as well as questioning comprehension when you listen to your child read. The NAPLAN tests for Grade 3 will be held on Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.

Our classrooms are *nut free* (traces of nuts are fine). Please keep this in mind when you prepare your child’s lunches.

**CLOSE THE GAP DAY** will be held on Tuesday the 19th of March. The focus of this day is to highlight the link between indigenous health and connection to country through a variety of activities that include an historical land rights campaign (song and film clip of the Wave Hill Walk-Off), a story that chronicles the change in country over two hundred years and how this impacts on the First Australians and an opportunity to promote our own connection to land through the naming of school landmarks and producing artworks to represent them.

Our Level 3 *Parent Information Book* will be available on our website soon. These information books provide you with answers to most of the questions you will have about the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions. We are always happy to help 😊
• During first play on Thursday, the older sister of two of our students will be holding a "Guess the Lollies in the Jar" competition to raise money for World Vision as part of a Year Ten community awareness project. The cost is 50 cents for one guess. Please remember to bring 50 cents to participate in this competition on Thursday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Absences/Illnesses
It is unfair to your child, other children and teachers, to send to school a child who is obviously not well or not fully recovered from illness. Such children are not receptive to learning or school routine, and our facilities for caring for them are limited.

The best place for a sick child is home, under full time care.

If your child is unable to attend school for a day or two, e.g. due to illness, it is preferable to notify the teacher in writing or by email on the day or when he/she returns. Alternatively, you may wish to speak to their teacher personally, but we ask you to please refrain from telephoning the school office with this information. For longer absences please notify the teacher as soon as possible via a note from a sibling or you may phone the school in this instance.

There are occasions when parents need teachers to give prescribed medicine to their children. The appropriate quote from the School Information Manual is:

"To assist teachers, parents should supply such tablets in a container which gives the name of the child, the dose, and the time the tablet is to be given. The name of the tablets should be clearly marked on the container, particularly when the tablets are kept at school."

Please hand all such medication to the office and fill out the medication book.
If you have any questions regarding infectious student illnesses (including "gastro" / diarrhoea) and Department of Health exclusions from school, please refer to the School Exclusions table on the website.

Please find attached a spare Absence Slip for your convenience.

• We are beginning a new Homework Maths Challenge! Attached you will find a maths problem for you to solve with your child at home. Once your child has completed the task, cut off and return the answer slip to the Homework Maths Challenge box located in 3/4C. An answer slip will be chosen at random for this box and one student will win a prize for successfully completing the task. Good luck!

• Your children enjoy showing you the learning journeys that are evident in our classrooms so please feel free to come in and explore 😊

Marg, Naomi, Jennie, Judy, Lissa, Lynne S, Kerri and Cheryl F

Ants Marching

The ants are marching in the annual parade. There are 12 ants. They must march in equal rows and each row must have more than
one ant.
* Show all the different ways the ants can march in the parade.
* How many different ways can they march? Explain your answer.

Week 6 Homework Maths Challenge Solution
Name: ________________________________