

2024 Year 3 Class Handbook



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Year 3 Teaching Team



Hi, my name is **Karen Rollings**. This will be my 25th year of working in Lutheran Schools. I spent 10 years at Unity College in Murray Bridge before moving to Immanuel in 2009. Over this time, I have had both full time and part time roles and taught across a range of year levels including Year 2, 4 and 6/7. This will be my 9th year of being part of the Year 3 teaching team. I have been married for almost 20 years and we have a 11.5-year-old son who keeps us busy and fills our lives with joy. In my spare time I enjoy reading, watching movies, visiting the beach and spending quality time with friends and family. Your child's learning journey is very important to me and I am looking forward to a successful year working in partnership with you.



Hi, my name is **Ellie Parish**. I am very excited to be recommencing my teaching role at Immanuel this year and having the privilege to work with your child and family. I am returning from leave to have my now 4-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son. Prior to this I worked at Immanuel for 5 years, 4 of those being with year 3s. Fun fact, I had both my first day as a student and my first day as a teacher here at Immanuel. Along with my children, my family consists of my husband Ben, our 2 dogs, 3 chickens, 1 pony and lots of sheep and cows. I enjoy travelling in our camper, making connections with people, using my imagination to be creative, all things literature and spreading joy however I can. I don't take for granted the great privilege it is to have your child under my care and guidance and as a role model in their life. I look forward to being a new character in this next chapter of their story.



Hello, my name is **Glynn Morgan**. I want to extend a warm welcome to all the families joining us in Year 3 this year. Some children and parents may recognise me from last year, teaching ICT across the school. I have a Bachelor of Creative Arts in Screen Production and a Master of Teaching Primary (R-7) from Flinders University. I am passionate about inclusion, digital literacy and helping students to succeed on their individual learning journeys. I grew up in the town of Stirling in the Adelaide Hills and now live in the Barossa Valley. I enjoy creative arts, cinema, history and - of course - teaching. I look forward to working with you to help your student thrive in our kind and compassionate Lutheran environment.

Introduction

In 2023 a strategic plan was developed and as a result of this process, which involved the school community, the following values were created; Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork. To promote our core values of Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork, our behaviour management policy is guided by the principles of; respect, safety, learning, care and kindness.

These words will be unpacked at a class level and over the coming days, weeks and months these will form an integral part of our school culture.

1) Weekly Overview

- **Sports Uniform** – Year 3 students will be wearing Sports Uniform each day.
- **Worship & Praise** – Every Friday at 10:30am

3M will be presenting in Term 3, Week 2

3RP will be presenting in Term 4, Week 3

- **Coffee Club**

Before Worship and Praise we would love our visitors (parents, families and friends) to meet for a coffee and chat and get to know each other. This will normally be held at the rear of Taikondi and is provided as a service by members of the Gawler Lutheran Church.

- **Assembly** – Monday 2:30pm in weeks 4 & 8 of each term. There will be more details to follow regarding when the Year 3 classes will be presenting.

- **Library** – Friday for both classes.

- **Specialist Subjects:**

Art – Tuesday both classes

Sport – Tuesday both classes

Music – Thursday both classes

LOTE (languages other than English) – Thursday both classes

2) Camp

We visit two destinations as part of our camp with both experiences providing valuable connections to our first two inquiry units in year 3 - Old Tailern Town and Monarto Zoo campsite.

Unfortunately, due to accommodation limitations at Monarto each class will be required to stay separate nights on camp.

3RP will attend camp Thursday 21st March – Friday 22nd March (Week 8)
3M will attend Wednesday 27th March- Thursday 28th March (Week 9).

Camp Costs:

- Total: Approx. \$230 (TBA)

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be **unable** to attend camp as we are needing to arrange and confirm transport.

3) Homework/Learning at home

Our approach to homework focuses on how to best support student learning and how best to support parents. We recognise there are a variety of family situations schedules and views on homework throughout the school. We value reading at home and will provide tasks for students which support their learning at school. This will include a mix of literacy, numeracy or inquiry tasks.

The Homework/'Learning at Home' routine in Year 3 in order of priority is:

- Reading aloud each night.
- Heart word spelling practice.
- Mental Math

4) Daily Routines

Prompt arrival is a school expectation. Students are to be at the classroom by 8:50 as learning starts at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or leaves before 3.25pm they will need to sign in/out via the front office.

The daily timetable has changed this year. Students will have a brain break at 10.05am which includes time to have a snack. Lunch will be at 12 with eating time following play at 12.30pm. In the afternoon there will be a play break at 2.10pm.

5) Who else is involved in your child's learning?

- LOTE: Mrs Charmaine Strickland
- Music: Mr Dwayne Hueppauff
- Sport: Mr Richie Cochrane
- Art: Mrs Kayla Kreymborg
- Wellbeing: Mrs Heidi Gogoll and Rosie (Wellbeing Dog)
- Mission & Ministry Leader: Will Knott
- Learning Support Coordinator: Mrs Gail Darby
- LSA (Learning Support Assistant): Mrs Karren Loch
- LST (Learning Support Teacher): Mrs Marianne Roberts

6) Special Events

Swimming – Term 1, Week 6

Camp – Term 1, Week 8 - 3RP

Term 1, Week 9 – 3M

Concert- Term 3, Week 7

7) Communication

At Immanuel we use a variety of modes to communicate. Here is a snapshot...

See Saw- See Saw is used to communicate student work and occasionally class information.

Monday memos (sent via Operoo)- whole school information is published weekly which is followed with class specific information.

Email- We understand meeting face to face is not always possible in which case Email is the next best option. If you child is in 3RP please email both teachers.

Operoo- online (paperless) process used to communicate events (camps/excursions/ school events).

8) iPads

We aim to educate our students to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT. Foundation to Year 3 expectations include;

- Making good choices
- Being safe
- Being kind
- Asking for help

An Acceptable Use Agreement will be sent home shortly which needs to be signed by the students and a parent/caregiver.

All the best for 2024,

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