



Principal's Address – Term 3 commencement assembly.

Theme: *Focus and Flourish*

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had a restful and refreshing break. It's wonderful to see our school community back together, ready for the term ahead.

A special welcome to our newest students, our nine new Receptions and their families. We are so pleased to have you join our school. This is the beginning of a very exciting journey, and we're all here to support you every step of the way.

Each term this year, we've had a theme to help guide our focus. In **Term 1**, we began the year with *Connection*: building strong relationships and a sense of belonging. In **Term 2**, our focus was *Settling In*: learning routines, understanding expectations, and finding our rhythm as learners.

Now, in **Term 3**, it's time to shift gears. Our theme this term is: **Focus and Flourish**. This is the term where we put our heads down during these colder months and really do the work. It's where we commit to our learning, sharpen our focus, and begin to see the results of our effort. Flourishing doesn't happen by accident; it happens when we show up every day ready to grow.

To do this well, we need to build two sets of habits:

- ✓ The **habits of a good learner**
- ✓ The **habits of a good person**

A good learner:

- Uses class time well
- Listens actively
- Puts in consistent effort
- Participates in discussions and tasks
- Asks questions and acts on feedback provided to improve

A good person:

- Shows kindness and respect
- Is honest and reliable
- Looks out for others
- Takes responsibility
- Makes our school a safe, inclusive place

All of this ties back to our **school values**, which should be present in everything we do, in the classroom, in the yard, in the community and even online:

- **Respect** – For ourselves, each other and our learning.
- **Trust** – Built through honesty, responsibility and showing integrity
- **Care** – Shown in the way we treat others and how we support one another.

- **Security** – Created through safe choices and strong relationships.
- **Success** – Achieved through hard work, persistence and celebrating progress — not perfection.

So as we begin Term 3, I encourage every one of you to:

- Focus in class
- Use your time effectively
- Take pride in your effort
- Be a learner, and be a good person

Let's make this a term of real progress, in our learning, in our character and in how we show up for each other.

When we focus, we flourish.

Let's get to it.

Thank you.

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Principal