

Grade Four Newsletter

Term One 2019



TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 13

**Parent Information Night Yr.4
Performing Arts Room**

Monday 18

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 19

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 20

District Swimming

MARCH

Friday 1

Evening On The Green

Monday 11

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 13

Werribee Zoo Excursion

APRIL

Tuesday 2

GIPS Classic

Wednesday 3

School Photos

Friday 5

End of Term 1

Tuesday 23

Beginning of Term 2

GRADE 4 CAMP

**Mon 27th May- Wednesday 29th
May**

Camp Manyung is an exciting and fun beach camp situated in Mt Eliza and will take place in late May. This camp provides students with the opportunity to participate in team building challenges to build interpersonal skills and resilience. We are looking forward to the Flying Fox too! More details to follow.

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

We hope that you enjoyed the school holidays and that the whole family is feeling fit, healthy and well rested! The wheels have already been set in motion for what promises to be a busy and exciting Term 1 in Grade 4.

LITERACY

This year our Literacy program will continue to incorporate the Writer's Notebook approach, where students have an opportunity to select topics of choice and genres, guided by the teacher. They will be shown how to construct a range of writing genres through daily modelling by their teacher. This term, to tie into our inquiry topic, our Reading focus will be on Information Reports, both on endangered animals and other subject matter. Our spelling program will be incorporated into the writing program and will also include weekly sessions to teach the students specific spelling strategies including **phonetic strategies, visual strategies, referencing and etymology/history of words**. During our weekly Library visits students will be exposed to different authors and encouraged to borrow a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. In Grade 4 students are allowed to borrow 3 texts and books brought back to school in their library bag.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy, our focus will be largely on Number and Algebra. Students will explore place value, counting patterns, addition processes, perimeter, area and length. We will continue to focus on the students' development of multiplication facts, working through the times tables and building upon concepts of multiples and factors. Each Friday we will apply our knowledge when investigating other areas of Mathematics including Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Towards the end of the term, students will complete a Maths Project at school that will put into place what they have learnt about measurement. Problem solving will continue to be a focus of all Mathematical tasks and we will be developing the students' knowledge and use of Mathematical language.

INQUIRY TOPIC

This term we are learning all about '**Endangered Animals and Habitats**'. We will be heading to the Werribee Open Range Zoo where students will have the opportunity to go on a Safari surrounded by rhinos, giraffes and other animals that are endangered. We will be learning about the ways we can protect these species and conserve their natural habitat. Closer to the date we will be asking for parent helpers to attend the excursion.



INQUIRY TOPICS THIS YEAR

- Term 1:** Endangered Animals and their Habitats
- Term 2:** First Australians and Indigenous Studies
- Term 3:** The First Fleet
- Term 4:** Forces and Simple Machines

A FEW REMINDERS

HOME READING

Students should be reading for 15-20 minutes every day. Home reading is to be recorded in students' diaries each night. Students are given opportunity to select 'just right' reading material and can include books from the school library, local library or books at home. Please help your child ensure this is completed. Please sign your child's diary weekly.

DIARIES

Diaries are to be taken home every night and brought back to school each day. Students are to record their reading nightly and parents are to sign off before diaries are returned to school each Friday. It is an expectation that students will read for 15-20 minutes each week night and is checked and signed by parents each week before being returned on Friday.

TIMES TABLES

Students have regular opportunities to learn and practise their times tables in class. To support this, revision at home is encouraged. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ART

Please ensure your child has a smock, shirt or an old T-shirt for art class, labelled with their name.

HOMEWORK

Homework will start in the coming weeks. Homework will involve topics that your children have worked on the previous week to consolidate learning and challenge their thinking. We ask that parents supervise homework and to sign your child's workbook. **Homework will run fortnightly, out on Tuesday to be handed in on the following Thursday.**

SUNSMART

GIPS is proudly a SunSmart school, and as such hats are to be worn for all outdoor activities until the end of April. Please also remember to include a small tube of sunscreen in your child's bag and encourage them to apply this at recess and lunch.

SPORTS UNIFORM

GIPS Sports uniforms may be worn only on days when students have PE lessons or an organised sporting activity.

SHOEBOXES *Please save any standard size shoeboxes you have for our first project on endangered species. These can be brought in to school by Week Five at the latest.*

GRADE 4 WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Library 4H, 4S and 4TJ French 4S Physical Education (PE) 4H	Physical Education (PE) 4S & 4TJ Performing Arts 4S & 4H Art 4TJ & 4H	Art 4S French 4H Performing Arts 4TJ	Assembly even weeks French 4TJ

Please come and see us if you need any clarification on any of the above information. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working with your child this year!

Grade Four Teachers

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