

Grade Four Newsletter

Term One 2018



TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY

Thursday 15
Parent Information Night Yr.4
Performing Arts room

Tuesday 20
Meet the Teacher

Thursday 22
District Swimming

Friday 23
Evening on the green

Monday 26
Werribee Zoo Excursion

Tuesday 27
Parent Maths Evening – Michael Ymer

MARCH

Tuesday 6
Divisional Swimming

Friday 9
Curriculum Day

Monday 12
Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 19
School Photos

Thursday 29
End of Term 1

APRIL

Tuesday 1
Beginning of Term 2

GRADE 4 CAMP

Wed 9 May – Fri 11 May

Arrabri Lodge is nestled in the beautiful hills of Warburton. Details will follow. 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!

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 the students have an opportunity to select their own free choice topics and genres. 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.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy, our focus will be largely on Number. Students will explore place value, counting patterns, addition and subtraction processes. We will continue to focus on the student's development of multiplication facts, working through the times tables and building upon concepts of factors and multiples. 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 student's 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 are learning all about the ways we can protect these species and conserve their natural habitat.



GRADE FOUR ROTATIONS

Rotations commenced in week 2 with students rotating between library and ICT. Students are encouraged to borrow from the library and may use these books as part of their home reading. Further to this, we will be running our Resilience Project program around emotional literacy.

*Students are asked to wear their sports uniform on their given day and bring a drink bottle.

A FEW REMINDERS

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.

Times Tables – Regular 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 shortly. 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 book. **Homework will run fortnightly, out on Tuesday and handed in on the following Thursday.**

HOME READING

Students should be reading for 15-20 minutes every day. Home reading is to be recorded in student's diaries each night. Unless another arrangement is in place, students have 'free choice' of their 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.

LIBRARY

GRADE 4 WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Library ICT Performing Arts (4S)	Art (4TJ & 4S) PE (4TJ & 4S)		Performing Arts (4TJ) French (4TJ & 4S)	Assembly odd weeks

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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