WELCOME BACK FOR ANOTHER EXCITING TERM!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and a restful holiday. Term Two is set to be action packed. We have our much anticipated Camp later this term, both the teachers and students are very excited and gearing up for a great adventure.

INTEGRATED TOPIC

This term we are learning about ‘The First Australians’. We will be investigating the culture of Australia’s first inhabitants prior to European Settlement. In Week 5, Monday 11 May, the History Box crew will be visiting our year level to further investigate our topic, The First Australians.

LITERACY

This term, to tie into our inquiry topic, whole class reading will focus on the structure of Narratives in the context of Dreamtime Stories and Biographies. Students will continue to be exposed to quality literature and different authors through weekly Library visits and class texts. During writing sessions, students will be encouraged to explore a variety of writing genres to further develop their knowledge and skills. Handwriting activities will be a focus this term as students begin to earn their Pen Licence. Students will be reminded to use correct pencil grip and letter formation, including speed loops as they perfect their writing style. Through our weekly spelling we will be building upon student’s knowledge of suffixes, plurals and punctuation marks with a particular focus on the correct use of an apostrophe.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy, our focus will continue to be largely on Number. Students will explore the four operations, fractions, decimals and continue to work on learning their times tables. Applied topics this term will include chance & probability, temperature, volume, shapes and scale drawings. Problems solving will continue to be a focus throughout all Numeracy topics and towards the end of the term, students will complete a Maths Project at school, which will put into place a variety of concepts learnt throughout the term.

We need your green thumb!

The Grade 4s are looking to re-establish the GIPS Sustainable Garden. Our Sustainable Garden is needs a makeover and we need your help in doing so! Anyone with interest in this area and is willing to help at school on a Friday morning or purchase gardening supplies is encouraged to touch base with their classroom teacher.
CAMP UPDATE

Very soon all the Grade 4s will be setting off on our very exciting adventure camp to Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza. You would have already received and returned permission forms and deposit (due Wednesday 25 March). Final payment is due Friday 8 May, however any part payments can be made prior to this date. In addition to this newsletter you will receive a Confidential Medical Form. Please have these filled in and returned by Monday 4 May. A packing list will be sent home closer to the camp date – stay tuned! Thank you to everyone who volunteered as a parent helper for our camp - confirmation letters will be sent out shortly.

A FEW REMINDERS

DIARIES
Diaries are to be checked every day for notices and to be signed each day. Diaries are to be taken home every night and brought back to school each day.

NOTICES
Notices are sent home in the diaries and are to be sent back to school as soon as possible.

HOMEWORK
Homework is distributed Mondays and is due back the following Thursday. Homework will involve topics that your children have worked on the previous week to consolidate learning and challenge their thinking.

HOME READING
Students should be reading for 15-20 minutes every day. Home reading is to be recorded in student’s diaries each night. Please help your child ensure this is completed.

GRADE 4 WEEKLY TIMETABLE
As of Monday 13 April

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Please come and see us if you need any clarification on any of the above information.
We thank you for your ongoing support!

Grade Four Teachers
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