TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY
Thursday 26
Divisional Swimming

MARCH
Tuesday 3
School Photos

Monday 9
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 20
Cake and Produce Stall

Tuesday 24
Special Lunch

Friday 27
End of Term 1

APRIL
Monday 13
Beginning of Term 2

GRADE 4 CAMP

Mon 25 - Wed 27 May
Camp Manyung, an exciting and fun beach camp situated in Mt Eliza will take place in late May. Details will follow shortly. 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!

INQUIRY TOPIC

This term we are learning all about ‘Endangered Animals and Habitats’. We had a great time at the Werribee Open Range Zoo and were lucky enough to go on 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.

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 3 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. Our focus for Term 1 will include data collection and analysis, mapping and measurement – length, area and perimeter. 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 Mathematics tasks and we will be developing student’s knowledge and use of Mathematics language.
GRADE FOUR SPORT

Commencing Week 5, every Friday morning, we will be running our Level 4 sport rotations. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform and bring a drink bottle. This is a great way for all the Grade 4 students to work together as a level, and participate in fun rotations that will include Volleystars, ball sports and community projects. We welcome any parental assistance and would be delighted to hear from you if you have any specific skills/interests in the areas of sports coaching or gardening/home maintenance skills to support this program throughout the year.

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 will start this week 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 2 March

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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 and look forward to working with your child this year!

Grade Four Teachers
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