

Year 4 Newsletter - Term 2, 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your Easter Holidays. Term 2 is eleven weeks (18th April – 30th June), and will include many different learning experiences for our students.

We encourage you to be a part of your child's learning and ensure that all homework and reading is completed on a weekly basis.

Homework Expectations

Reading:

Students are expected to read at home for an hour, spread over at least three separate days. These sessions should be recorded by the students in their diaries (with the title of the text and duration of reading time) and signed by a parent or guardian.

Maths:

This term we ask that the children regularly practise their times tables, which will also be covered in class.

All Year 4 students are also expected to improve their automatic response time to addition and subtraction questions up to 20 through regular practise at home.

Homework Matrix

As in term 1, the children will continue to work through a **Homework Matrix**, completing one task per week.

Curriculum

Inquiry Learning:

The Inquiry focus for Term 2 as part of our whole school MAPPEN unit of work is *Sustainability - Look At What We Have Got'*. Through a variety of activities, the children will consider the importance of habitats for animals and plants, and learn how animals have adapted to their environment and about those at risk of becoming endangered. An excursion to the Melbourne Zoo has been organised to complement this unit of work.

Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) and Investigative Maths:

Throughout term 2 sessions in Maths will include *Investigative Maths* sessions. This also includes a number of children who have opted to take part in a *Maths Talent Quest (MTQ)* which will involve work both at school and at home based on an investigation about the Maths involved in their chosen topic.

Play Is The Way:

Play Is The Way is a whole school program which involves learning, through a variety of games, discussions and working on key concepts, which encourages acceptance and *having a go*, especially in regard to a student's social and emotional growth.

Organisation:

It is your child's responsibility to ensure they bring their home case to school each day with all the relevant items. This includes: diary, notices, reader and homework. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their own things. A reminder that due to the number of meetings teachers have to attend each week, if you should need to see your child's teacher please make an appointment via their diary.

Punctuality/Absences:

It is vital that your child is at school ready to learn before the bell each day. Please try to minimise absences as it is often difficult for your child to catch up on missed work. A reminder if your child is absent, please log on to *Compass* with your password and complete the details online for their absence.

Monday Morning Assemblies:

This year the Monday morning assemblies for Grades 3-6 are held every second week, with the first of these to be held on Monday 1st May.

Term 2 Events**Melbourne Zoo Excursion:**

As part of our Inquiry unit, Year 4 will have an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Friday 12th May. A separate note for this excursion will be sent out early in term 2.

3 / 4 Sport:

Students will participate in sports in their House teams every second Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear.

Choir:

The Year 3 and 4 Choir has resumed for this year. Children have their choir practises each Monday after lunch.

Year 4 Camp:

The Year 4 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort is on 21st – 23rd June. The Information Night will be held in the Southern Cross building in early May – date yet to be confirmed. Please ensure all notices sent home are filled in completely, accurately and returned by the due date.

Key Dates for Term 2, 2016:

- **Monday 17th April** **Easter Monday**
- **Tuesday 18th April** **First day of term 2 with students**
- **Tuesday 25th April** **ANZAC Day Holiday**
- **Friday 28th April** **House Cross Country**
- **Thursday 4th May** **Wantirna District Athletics Carnival (*selected students only*)**
- **Friday 12th May** **Grade 4 Excursion to the Melbourne Zoo**
- **Friday 19th May** **Wantirna District Cross Country (*selected students only*)**
- **Wednesday 24th May** **Education Week Open Morning**
- **Monday 12th June** **Queen's Birthday Holiday**
- **Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd June** **Grade 4 Camp to Phillip Island**
- **Monday 26th June** **Grade 4 Choir to Salford Park**
- **Friday 30th June** **Last day of term 2**

Finally, all of the students in grade 4 have settled back very well into school and are completing excellent work efforts, trying their personal best at all times, which has been great to see.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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