

Year 4 Newsletter - Term 3, 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Term 2 has flown by and was full of exciting events such as The Zoo, Salford Park and of course our fabulous camp. The Grade 4's need to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and enthusiastic participation during all of these events. Term 3 is 10 weeks long and will be another busy one, which will include many different learning experiences and events for our students.

Homework Expectations

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.

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 to continue to 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

In term 3 the children will continue to work through a **Homework Matrix**, completing one task per week. A new homework matrix has been drawn up which includes some different tasks to choose from.

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.

Curriculum

Inquiry Learning:

The Inquiry focus for Term 3 is a Community Unit and the focus for Grade 4 is "*First Contact*". The students will learn about the lives of the First Australian's before European settlers arrived in Australia. They will learn about the causes and reasons for the journey of the First Fleet. They will practise thinking like historians and will be immersed in stories of first contact between Indigenous Australians and European Settlers.

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 with regard to a student's social and emotional growth. The Play is the Way focus for term 3 is "*Have reasons for the things you say and do.*"

Reminders:

* 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. Please be aware that staff meetings are held on Tuesday and Thursdays after school.

*Parents should make a habit of checking the weekly Newsletter available online and Tiqbiz. The newsletter contains relevant dates and information.

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.

Term 3 Events.

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 will continue this term. Children have their choir practises each Monday after lunch.

Key Dates for Term 3, 2017:

Monday 17th July

Monday 31st July

Friday 11th August

Sunday 20th August

Thursday 24th August

Friday 25th August

Friday 1st September

Friday 22nd September

First Day Term 3

ISSE delegation from Japan arrives

Magic and Music Night

ISSE delegation from Japan leaves

Wakakirri Performance

Footy Dress day

Walkathon

Last Day of Term 3

Thank you for your cooperation,

Georgina Ivanoff, Linda Venter &

Anthony Walton

Grade 4 class teachers



Phillip Island Camp

