

Curriculum

How was Australia settled by Europeans, why was it settled and what happened when it was?

Welcome

Welcome back to school for the start of Term 3! We have an exciting term ahead of us with a visit to Polly Woodside, as well as the Senior Production. Last term was full of fun learning adventures and we can't wait to get started again!

Social Skills

This term, Grade 4 students will participate in the GEM (gratefulness, empathy and mindfulness) program. They will have a fortnightly lesson with their class teacher learning how to apply these necessary strategies into their daily lives to become more resilient.

Homework

Homework this term will continue to follow the guidelines set by the Education Department and the Derinya Homework Policy. The students will receive their weekly spelling words and a maths sheet. They will also be expected to complete their weekly reading. Reading 5 x 20 minutes per week continues to be a very important part of the homework program. Please support your child in developing good home reading habits.

There will be one homework research project that links to Inquiry unit early in Term 3.

Mathletics tasks and Live Mathletics are optional extras. Your child can ask their teacher to set some tasks for them as needed.

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Maths

As we enter the second semester of Grade 4, the students should be working hard to ensure they know their times tables and automatic response to addition and subtraction, with numbers 0 - 20. The maths program this term will continue to build the students' confidence in using the four operations with a particular focus on multiplication and division. We will also begin work on location (mapping) and experiment with angles.

This term students will continue to participate in weekly maths rotations that are differentiated to each student's individual learning needs. These rotations have been incredibly successful and beneficial during Term 2 and both students and teachers are keen to see this continue.

WHAT'S ON?

July 17 First day of Term 3

July 21 DACE Opening Night

July 22-23 DACE Weekend

August 2/3 Polly Woodside Excursion

August 14-18 Book Fair

August 18 Book Dress-Up Day

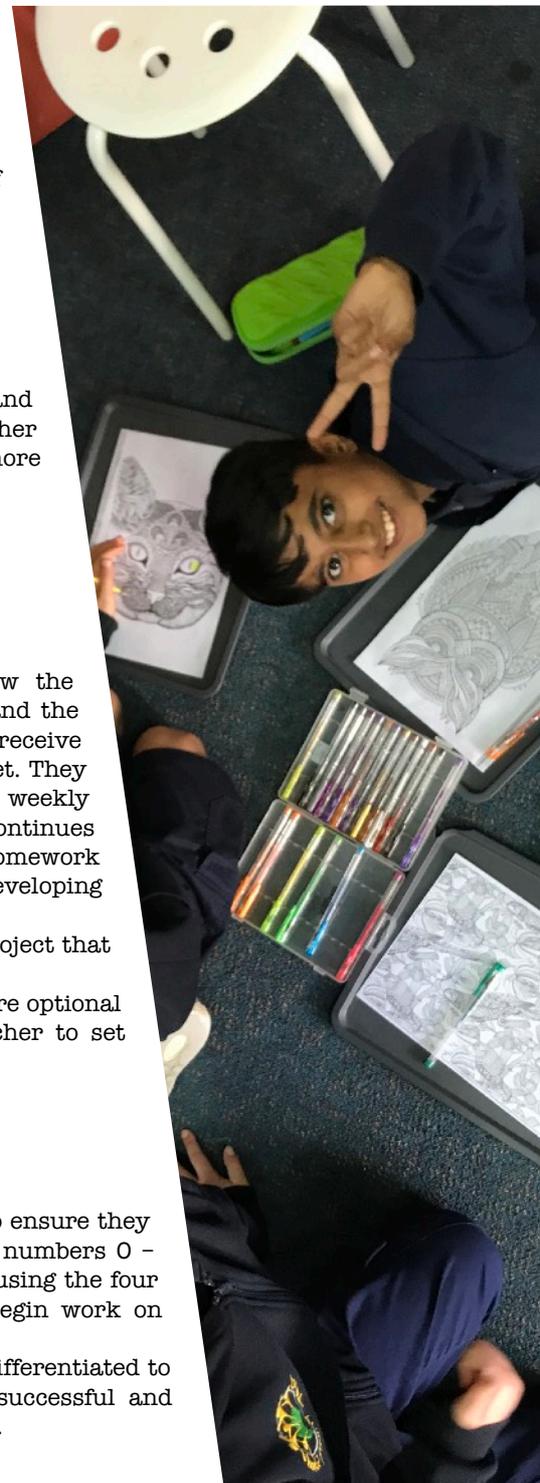
August 31 Market Day

September 1 Curriculum Day (student-free)

September 21 Senior School Concert

September 22 Footy Day

September 22 Last day of Term 3





English

Grade 4 students will work on narrative writing. They will look at the format of letters and journal entries to tie in with our Inquiry topic. We will continue to work with our students in the mastery of spelling strategies and make progress through the Oxford, Grade 4 and Soundwaves list words.

The introduction of e-books into our classrooms has been a huge success, as have the reading challenges set by the classroom teachers. The reading strategies that become our focus are Author's Purpose, Summarising and Figurative Language. Reader's Theatre will be introduced as a way to assist children with their decoding and expression- it's also a lot of fun!

Inquiry

In Term 3, Grade 4 students will be working on our History throughline, Changing Communities. Reflecting the new Victorian Curriculum, the students will learn about the great voyages of exploration with a particular focus on Captain Cook and the European settlement of Australia.

Grade 4s will be immersed in learning about explorers of the world, in particular those who first came to Australia. They will enjoy an all day excursion to the city visiting Polly Woodside. Building on the knowledge they developed during their history unit in Grade 3, the students will also speculate on the impact the arrival of the Europeans had on Indigenous Australians and how the colonists interacted with them.

Specialist Programs

★ **Physical Education.** In Term 3, Grade 4 students will be participating in a unit on Target games, learning specific tactics, strategies and skills to use in these sports. They will be encouraged to challenge themselves to improve themselves and others that they work with. Students will also participate in our annual Footy Day at the end of term 3.

★ **Science.** This term, our Grade 4 students will be learning about the earth beneath their feet. They'll study soil and rock from our local area, and discover what amazing things lie deep beneath the surface.

★ **Japanese.** Grade 4 students will delight in exploring Japanese cuisine, learning about Japanese table etiquette and expressing likes and dislikes. They will also research and present a short project on a Japanese cultural topic of choice.

★ **Performing Arts.** Term 3 is an exciting term, getting ready for the Senior School Production titled "Famous". Like the story of Fame the Musical, students audition to get into a prestigious Performing Arts School. What will happen to these students? Will they become FAMOUS? The Grade 4 performances include famous movie stars in Spy, Adventure, Pirate, Star Wars and Gladiator movies.

★ **Visual Arts.** During term three the Grade 4 Visual Art Program will cover the areas of painting, mixed media and textiles. The art elements of line, colour and texture will form the basis of their art lessons.