

## **GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER**

### **~ Term 2, 2015~**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

A big welcome back, ready for another busy term ahead. We had a great Term 1, with our Carnival, Swimming Competitions, Grand Prix trip and the ongoing success of the 1:1 netbook program.

#### **Some key dates for your diaries:**

Gr 3-6 Cross Country – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Family Maths Night – Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Mid Year Reports go out – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Parent/Teacher Interviews – Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
End of Term 2 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June (1:40pm dismissal)



#### **Grade 4/5 Camp 2015 – Notes of Interest**

Our school camp will be in Term 4 this year, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will be heading off on our Bush Camp to Arrabri Lodge, Warburton (check out their website: [www.Arrabri.com.au](http://www.Arrabri.com.au)). In order to make preparations and finalise costs, we will be sending out notes of interest early this term. It would be great if all Grade 4/5 students could attend, to build some great life-long skills. We understand that it's a large financial commitment and we will arrange payment plans to try and help stagger costs.



#### **Term 2 Project:**

##### **Living With Change**

As part of our science unit based around biological science, our Grade 4s will have the opportunity to become hands-on scientists, testing out theories related to our science study. They will also look at life-cycles and food webs.



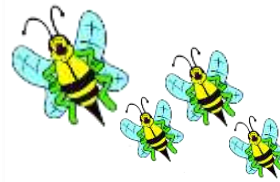
#### **Active Kids Program**

Grade 4 students will take part in the Active Kids Program this term, which is a program organised by the Wyndham City Council, looking at ways to be fit and healthy. Children will receive rewards for completing their Active Kids Passport as a part of their weekly homework. Throughout this term, and continuing throughout the rest of the year, there will also be a variety of sporting organisations coming out to run sessions on various sports such as netball, tennis and soccer.

#### **Term 2 Homework**

Homework will begin again in Week 2, and continue each week throughout the term. It will follow a similar format to Term 1, with the added focus on netbook specific activities to try and consolidate the skills learned in class. It will again be handed out and explained on Mondays and will be expected back each Friday for correction.

**Homework should not be stressful or too time consuming. The activities are intended to support what is being done in the classroom and it is valuable for children to complete each task to the best of their ability (your support is invaluable on this).**



### Netbooks

The 1:1 netbook program continues to grow and support student learning in many ways. A big thank you for your outstanding support of the program.

Any parents who still wish to make the second instalment can still do so, allowing your child to have use of their netbook at home with full insurance coverage. As you will have noticed with the homework layout, there is a large emphasis on incorporating netbook skills and utilising programs we have introduced in class.

***Can we remind students to ensure that their netbook is brought to school each day charged, as we have limited charging facilities in school, due to the large uptake of the program and most charging units being sent home?***

If anyone is experiencing any technical problems with their netbooks at home, please write a short note explaining the problem and send it into school, so that we can get our technicians to work on a quick solution.



### Mid Year Reports and Parent Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who attended the introductory parent meetings, helping to establish strong partnerships for the best outcomes for our students.

Later this term, teachers will prepare Semester 1 reports for each student to give you an indication of the academic progress made so far this year. There will then be follow up parent meetings in the last week of term, where there will be the opportunity to discuss the report in more detail.

\*\* We encourage students and parents share these reports together and discuss learning goals for Semester 2. \*\*



### Earn and Learn Program

We will continue with our class rewards program, where students can earn money tokens for good work and leadership behaviours. At the end of Term 1, most students had a rewards day for their efforts as well as having the opportunity to purchase a variety of other rewards.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this term and having a very successful end to the first semester.



**Regards, Grade 4 Team.** ☺