

GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2015 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Already TERM 4, our last term of the year – unbelievable! We are all set to go after a very busy Term 3 and our great Indigenous Australians and First Fleet Study.

Some key dates for your diaries:

Grade 4/5 Camp – Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th October

Student Free days – Monday 2nd November (Curriculum Day) and
Tuesday 3rd November (Melbourne Cup public holiday)

Semester 2 Reports – issued on Friday 11th December

Last day of term – Friday 18th December



Punctuality

School starts for all students at 8:20am. Students have tasks to complete from the first bell, and lunch orders, notes and money are to be handed in at this time. Late arrival can affect students' progress and can make it difficult for them to settle into daily routines. Please ensure that students arrive at school before the 8:20 bell. If your child has been absent at all, please send a note to school with your child explaining their absence.

Grade 4/5 School Camp

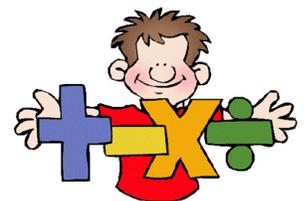
What a way to start the term! Many of our students will be heading off to Arrabri Lodge, Warburton, for our three-day bush camp in Week 2. We know they will represent our school in the usual fabulous manner! Preparations have been made and briefing sessions held with students to fully prepare them for a memorable experience. A special thank you to our fabulous parent volunteers who will be attending and making this camp possible!



Our non-campers will spend the three days with Mrs Day-Askham, who will be running a separate program.

Weekly Maths Rotations

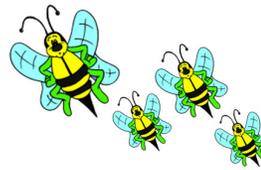
Maths rotations will continue this term, once a week, offering support and extension opportunities. Students in the extension group will be participating in a series of projects to extend their application of advanced mathematical skills.



No Hat, No Play Policy

Please remember that Bellbridge is a Sun Smart school, and therefore during Term 4 all children are required to be wearing their school hat, these are to be either a navy blue broad brimmed hat or a legionnaire's hat. If your child does not have a hat, they will need to be playing in appropriate sheltered play areas.





During Term 4, Grade 4 students will focus on following areas of the curriculum:

Inquiry – Material Moves

In Term 4, we have a physical science focus, looking at the workings of basic machines, carrying out experiments and learning science concepts and theories. Students will research the work of scientists and produce a project about an area of science they have studied. A very hands-on topic to encourage inquiry and discovery! As part of this unit of work, our teachers will be planning science activities to help explore our project, while allowing our students to work with different teachers and students in a fun and interactive environment.

English

During reading in Term 4, the students will be focusing on various reading comprehension strategies. These strategies will focus on reading between the lines and using our prior knowledge to summarise the information that we read. As part of our writing units, we will be focusing on exposition texts (presenting one side of an argument), procedural texts (which includes making things and participating in experiments) and poetry (looking at haiku, acrostic, cinquain, etc).

Mathematics

Throughout the term, we will continually revise the key number concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Other areas that we will focus on include area and perimeter of shapes, place value of numbers (including millions, tenths and hundredths), mean, mode, median and range of a set of numbers, and time (24-hour time and elapsed time).

Term 4 Homework

Homework will begin again in Week 3, and continue each week throughout the term. It will follow a similar format to Term 3, 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 Monday and will be expected back each Friday for correction.

Netbooks

Please remind students to ensure that netbooks are brought to school each day charged, as we have limited charging facilities in school.

Earn and Learn Program and School Wide Positive Behaviours – Rewarding Great Effort

Last term, many students enjoyed a ‘gold class’ party session for their outstanding efforts in class and on homework tasks. We will continue with our class rewards program, where students can earn money tokens for good work and leadership behaviours. They will have further opportunities to purchase a variety of rewards this term.

Our school-wide ‘bee’ token reward system will also continue, including opportunities for whole class rewards. Our Grade 4s have accumulated multiple bee hives/tokens which they will be able to trade in for some bumper prizes. Let’s aim for the magic 100 bee hives for the BONUS COMBO AWARDS!

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this term and achieving further great success. *Regards, Grade 4 Team.* ☺