

## GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2014 ~

**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 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> October

Student Free day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Melbourne Cup week)

End of Year Reports – go out on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December



### Grade 4/5 School Camp

What a way to start the term! Many of our students will be heading off to Anglesea Y.M.C.A. Camp for our 3 day beach 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 (look out for the Last Minute Reminders note☺). A special thank you to our fabulous parent volunteers who will be making this camp possible:

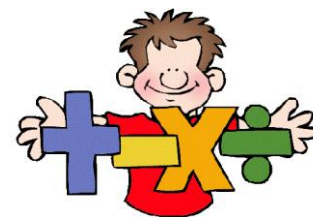


*Dot Gleeson, Michelle Ripari, Michael Jaimangal, Stacey Shepard, Danielle Wilson, Rob Gordon, Jo Scott, Jay Radbourne, Shelley Rauner-Smith & Leanne Gorman.*

Our non-campers will spend the 3 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.

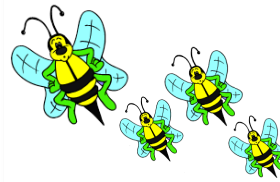


### Term 4 Inquiry – Materials Move

In Term 4 we have a physical science focus unit 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!

### Grade 4 Science Rotations

This term 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.



### Netbooks

*Please 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 using their netbooks at home, please write a short note explaining the problem and send it to school, so that we can have our technicians work on a quick solution.



### 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!

### 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 legionnaires hat. If your child does not have a hat, they will need to be playing in appropriate sheltered play areas.



### Term 4 Homework and on-going communication (notes for Absences please)

Homework will begin again in week 3 (due to camp in week 2), and continue each week throughout term. It will follow a similar format to Term 3. Please add comments on your child’s progress, as well as signing the diary each night.

Well done to the many students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 3. We have, unfortunately, had some high absences and poor punctuality from some students. If your child is absent for any reason can you please ensure they return to school with a written note explaining their absence.



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