

GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1 2021 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A big welcome to all of the students and parents who will be part of the 'Grade 4' team this year. The grades are as follows:

Grade 4A (Room 26): Miss Vanessa Ciappara

Grade 4B (Room 25): Mrs Laura Hutchins

Grade 4C (Room 28): Ms Lynne Lloyd

Grade 4D (Room 28A): Miss Casey Aquilina

Thank you to all those parents who made sure that their child had a hat, an art smock and a library bag on the first day of school. If any of these items have been overlooked, we would much appreciate them being brought into school as soon as possible to ensure a smooth and happy start to the year for students....and their teachers! ☺

KEY DATES

Tues 2/2 - Netbooks go home (if paid for and Netbook and ICT Agreements returned).

Tue 9/2 - Safer Internet Day

Mon 15/2-Tue 16/2 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (PSD-funded SSGs this week also)

Mon 8/3 - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY (No school)

Fri 19/3 - National Ride 2 School Day

Fri 1/4 - Free Dress Day & Last day of Term 1 (1:40 dismissal)

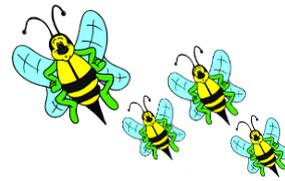
**Keep up to date with key dates by looking at the front page of the monthly school newsletter, and referring to our school website's calendar.*

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Parent attendance at school assemblies was not able to continue for most of last year, and we will need to continue in this way until further notice.

Assemblies will be held for staff and students using Microsoft Teams video meetings or the gym according to health advice - at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term - as communicated closer to the date.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
29/1	5/2	12/2	19/2	26/2	5/3	12/3	19/3	26/3	1/4
No assembly	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	P-6 (Thurs)



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. There are 8 topics addressed every year from P-6. This term, the Grade 4 students will engage in lessons from the underlined topic/s below:

1. Emotional Literacy
2. Personal Strengths
3. Positive Coping
4. Problem-Solving
5. Stress Management
6. Help-seeking
7. Gender and Identity
8. Positive gender relations

TERM 1:

ENGLISH:

Students will independently read daily, participate in reading activities focused on a range of comprehension strategies and will have frequent one-on-one reading conferences to determine individual goals. In writing, students will be focusing on retelling past events through recounts. They will also focus on writing descriptions.

MATHS:

Throughout the term we will be focusing on various areas:

Number and Algebra: Addition, Subtraction, Division, Multiplication, Place Value and Money.

Measurement and Geometry: Location and angles

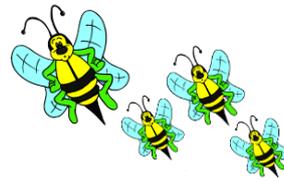
Statistics and Probability: Data representation

INQUIRY: Civics and Citizenship.

An introductory unit to help get the 1:1 netbook program up to full speed and set up our dynamic learning space. Students will be learning about how and why laws are made with a focus on local government. They will be learning what it means to live within a democratic society and how different cultural and social communities contribute to the wider community.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Students will attend specialist classes in the areas of P.E., Art, Performing Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). These will be rotated throughout the year, with students having four specialist hours per week.



SCHOOL TIMES

School starts for all students at 8:20am and students have tasks to complete from the first bell, while rolls are taken and monies/letters are being collected.

*****Late arrival can seriously hinder student progress and will make it hard for them to settle into the daily routines*****

NO HAT, NO PLAY POLICY

Please remember that Bellbridge is a Sun Smart school, and therefore during Term 1 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.



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS & EARN AND LEARN

Be SAFE Be RESPECTFUL Be RESPONSIBLE Be a LEARNER

In keeping with the establishment of the whole school approach to student well-being, Grade 4 students will be involved in discussing common rights and responsibilities and how these impact on classrooms, and the school in general. Students will receive rewards through collecting individual bee tokens, whole-class beehives as well as the Grade 4 Earn and Learn incentive program.

NETBOOKS

This year the Grade 4-6 students will continue with the 1:1 netbook program, building on from the great success of previous years.

We will sending netbooks home on Tuesday with any children whose parents have processed the netbook payment (for Term 1 or the whole year), and also returned the signed Netbook Agreement provided on the first day of school.



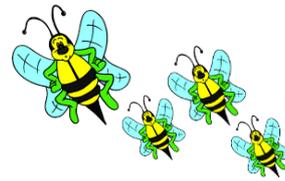
We look forward to receiving payments on time (\$70 per term, or \$250 for the whole year up-front), in order for your child to have the use of their netbook to fully utilise the ICT tools, including home use of online subscriptions.

HOMEWORK

Homework expectations:

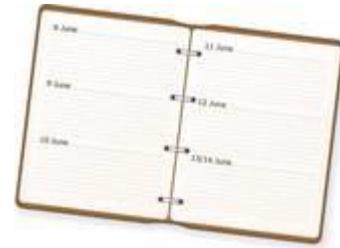
Daily: To read for 15 mins (noted in diary and parent signed)

Weekly: Diary tasks or any finishing off tasks not completed in class.



ONGOING COMMUNICATION - STUDENT DIARIES

Diaries will be given to all students and we ask that they are checked and signed by parents each week. This is a great way for students to organise their school and homework demands, also ensuring parents and teachers have effective two-way communication with each other. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please feel free to arrange an appropriate meeting time.



Problems are usually easier to resolve if they are dealt with promptly.

If your child is absent/sick/late, please notify the office on or before the day, and then send a follow-up note when your child returns.

GRADE 4/5 CAMP

This year the Grade 4/5 school camp will be held at Arrabri Lodge in Warburton. This three-day camp takes place from Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th October. The cost will be approximately \$270. We hope as many children as possible will be able to participate in this positive experience and we will be sending out notes in Term 2 to begin organising this year's camp.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

Every Wednesday is 'Wheel and Walk Wednesday', where we encourage students to walk or ride a bike, scooter, or skateboard to school. For those that live too far from school, we ask that you get dropped off on one of our Active Paths and walk or ride the rest of the way. Each Wednesday, classroom teachers collect data on how our students travelled to school. We have seen great improvements in our school's active travel rate since the implementation of this program, and we look forward to seeing this rate continue to improve.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to have a very enjoyable and successful 2021!

Regards,
Grade 4 Team