

GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Semester 2 is here already! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another busy term. It was great to meet with many of you again at the mid-year parent/teacher interviews, and we appreciate your continued support throughout the year.

Some key dates for your diaries:

Science Week - Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August

Crazy Hair Day - Wednesday 17th August

Book Week and Buddies Week - Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August

Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion - Thursday 23rd August

Father's Day Stall - Thursday 30th August

eSmart Week - Monday 10th September to Friday 14th September

Wyndham Spelling Bee - Thursday 23rd August (one representative from Grade 3/4)

End of Term 3 - Friday 21st September



Punctuality

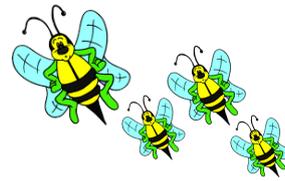
School starts for all students at 8:20am, with classes beginning at 8:30am. Students have tasks to complete from the first bell, and lunch orders, notes and money are to be handed in at this time. Late arrival can affect students' progress and can make it difficult for them to settle into daily routines. Please ensure that students arrive on time. If your child has been absent at all, please send a note to school with your child explaining their absence. Late arrivals are expected to proceed through the main office prior to entering the classroom.

2018 Grade 4/5 Camp Program

We have had an amazing response for this year's Grade 4/5 School Camp, our beach camp to YMCA Anglesea Recreation Camp (check out their website: <http://www.camps.ymca.org.au/locate/anglesea.html>). Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help. We have selected a spread of parents from across the team, and look forward to their participation, which for many will be their first camp experience!

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out medical and dietary forms and we ask that these are returned promptly. Please ensure outstanding payments are made by the due dates, so that we can make the best preparation for another fun camp. Towards the end of term, students will have some 'teamwork' sessions, where they will learn more about what will happen at camp, be issued with equipment lists and provide their preferences for cabin groups.





Grade 4/5 Sport Rotations

The Grade 4 and 5 teams will be running a series of sport rotations this term. Students will be introduced to new sports and skills. It will be an opportunity for students to work in teams, develop sportsmanship qualities, and work with different teachers across grade levels in preparation for the Grade 4/5 camp program at the start of Term 4.



Spelling Bee

All classes will be running spelling competitions in order to select entrants for the 2018 Wyndham Spelling Bee competition. There will be one entry at the 3/4 grade level, with the Wyndham final to be held on the evening of Thursday 23rd August.



During Term 3, Grade 4 students will focus on the following areas of the curriculum:

Inquiry - First Contacts

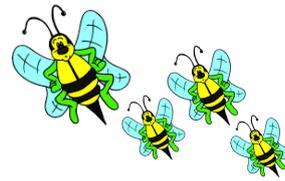
This term we will be completing a history unit, learning about European settlement, first explorers and the first fleet. Students will also learn about Aboriginal life before, during, and after settlement. They will research a famous explorer and make a presentation to the class using either a digital medium, or in poster format.

English

During Term 3, the students will be focusing on various reading comprehension strategies as well as looking at author's purpose and language features. These strategies will focus on reading between the lines, identifying the moral or theme of texts, comparing authors and understanding the author's purpose. We will be focusing on writing discussion texts (explaining two sides of an argument) and narrative texts (which involves creating imaginary stories with a focus on characters, settings and the problem and solution).

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 are: two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects (identifying properties and drawing representations), location (using grid references and a scale to read and draw maps), graphs (focusing on bar graphs, Venn diagrams, pie graphs and using a scale to represent data) and chance (using numbers to describe the likelihood of events occurring).



Term 3 Homework

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

Netbooks

Please remind students to ensure that their netbook is brought to school each day charged. We have limited charging facilities in school as chargers are sent home with students at the beginning of the year.

Kandace the Guide Dog Puppy

Late last term, Kandace was warmly welcomed back into 4A. She has fully recovered from surgery to fix a growth related issue in her elbow joint. She has returned to Guide Dogs for a short stay for the next few weeks, she is expected back for Week 4. Her training is progressing well but she needs some help ignoring people as she walks. Once she returns, please remember to admire her from a distance!

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!

Active Travel Program

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 students get dropped off away from the school grounds and walk or ride the rest of the way.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this term and achieving further great success.

Regards,
Grade 4 Team. 😊