

Term 4 Overview 2017

Year 4

19 October 2017

Dear Families

Welcome to Term Four! We trust you had both a relaxing and enjoyable break.

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening this term. As always, some housekeeping matters are included to support you and your child's return to school for the final term of the year.

English

Reader's Workshop

This term we will be continuing with Reader's Workshop. Students will continue to work with teacher guidance, to develop the skills and knowledge required to read and comprehend increasingly complex texts on their own. They will continue to focus on the development and application of reading strategies such as inferring and questioning to gain meaning from texts. Students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of texts which they will choose, as well as class novel studies and targeted guided reading sessions.

Grammar

Throughout this term grammar will be the focus in both Reader's Workshop and our writing lessons. Students will have opportunities to concentrate on improving their writing by using descriptive language, along with sentence and paragraph construction and editing.

Spelling

Students will continue to learn to use a variety of spelling strategies to assist in spelling unknown words including using sounds, visual patterns, word meanings and word origins. In addition, students will focus on identifying and spelling high frequency words with improved accuracy.

Writing

Students will be exploring the purpose of writing to socialise and will be using the explanation genre to do this. Students will develop their understanding of the various language features and structures of this text type.

Mathematics

This term in mathematics we will focus on time, fractions, decimals, volume, angles and probability. The students will also participate in mathematics rotations once a week. During this rotation time they will do math's activities including Mathletics, math's games and extension activities.

Civics and Citizenship

The year four curriculum is where Civics and Citizenship is first formally introduced to students in Australian schools. The learning will introduce students to the purpose of local government and the services it provides to their community. This will include the examination of how rules and laws affect them and the importance of laws in society.

Physical Education

In PE this term, Year 4 will be undertaking a dance program run by students from Melba Copland College. Year 4 will participate in dance created and taught by Melba students.

Science

This term we will be continuing the unit “Plants in Action” the students will learn more about the life cycle of plants. They will also be doing a unit of work titled ‘Smooth Moves”. This unit is about understanding the nature of forces and motion.

Visual Arts and Performing Arts

The in-class arts program this semester will continue with a focus on the visual arts. Students will use different techniques to explore how art has changed over the years.

Health

The topic for health is ‘Fresh Tastes’. The students will be learning about healthy eating and foods from around the world.

Housekeeping

This term, our specialist PE lessons will be on Tuesday after first break. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for PE. This includes a sunsmart hat which also needs to be worn at both break one and break two. Our library time continues to be on Thursday and students should make sure that they have their library bag.

Fruit break

Each day at 10:00 am students will have fruit break. This is an opportunity for the students to give their brains a boost to help them concentrate through until the lunch break. Students will need to bring fresh fruit, ideally cut up, which is easy for them to manage and eat in approximately 10 minutes. We have already seen lots of students remembering to bring their fresh fruit, and there has been a great variety of fruit and vegetables coming in. Other food, such as yoghurt, cheese and biscuits need to be eaten at either recess or lunch.

Finally, if you would like to meet with us to further discuss your child’s learning, please don’t hesitate to make an appointment. We can be contacted via the front office or email:

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Kind Regards,

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