

**Principal: Jennifer Hall**

## Term 3 Overview 2017

### Year 4

28 July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

#### **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 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 a focus in both Reader's Workshop and our writing lessons. Students will have opportunities to focus on improving their writing by using descriptive language, reflecting on sentence and paragraph construction, and editing their own work.

##### Spelling

Students will continue to learn and use a variety of spelling strategies to assist in spelling unknown words, such as 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 writing to entertain. Students will develop their understanding of the various language features and structures of the narrative text type, and will explore using descriptive language to communicate and entertain.

#### **Mathematics**

This term in mathematics we will have a focus on multiplication, division, time, money and probability. The students will also participate in mathematics rotations once a week. During this rotation time they will complete maths activities including mathletics, maths games and extension tasks.

#### **Health**

In health this term we will be researching our own heritage and cultural identities. We will be identifying games specific to these cultures, and presenting how to play these games, and their rules, to the unit.

#### **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 undertaking 'Plants in Action'. This unit focuses on identifying the stages of a life cycle and how environmental factors can affect growth. Students will develop skills to make formal measurements and follow procedures to collect and present observations in a way that helps to answer the investigation questions.

## **History**

Students will have a focus on 'The Age of Exploration' in history this semester. They will be developing their research skills when discovering how the explorers of the past found new lands and where they travelled to in the world.

## **Visual Arts and Performing Arts**

The in class arts program this semester will be focusing on the visual arts. Students will use different techniques to explore how art has changed over the years.

## **Camp**

Camp will occur Wednesday to Friday of Week 9 at Borambola, NSW. More detailed camp information will continue to be sent home in specific camp notes.

## **Housekeeping**

This term, our specialist PE lessons will be on Mondays after first break. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for PE. Our library days will be Mondays and Tuesdays, students should make sure that they have their library bag at school on these days.

## **Fruit break**

Each day at 10:00am 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 on 6124 1600 or via email.

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