



15 October 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have finally arrived at Term 4, ahead of us are 10 fun filled weeks before we break for the summer. Below you will find the most important dates and events. I am sure there will be more squeezed in so please keep up to date via Skoolbag and Care Monkey for additional information.

## Homework Term 4

We encourage you to support your child to work to their full potential and present quality work. If for any reason your child is having difficulties with the homework please speak with your class teacher.

For students to gain the maximum potential from their homework, please:

- Ensure all **homework** is completed promptly, neatly and returned on time. This will enable you and your child to work out an **appropriate schedule** that does not encourage them to leave work until the last minute.
- Ensure that your child has time and space to complete their homework.
- Ensure your child's out of school schedule allows them to balance homework expectations and out of school activities.
- Encourage your child to read every night.

We ask all parents to continue to monitor and praise their children when completing their homework and please sign their Reading Log book or Diary and their Homework on a daily basis.

## English Focus

Writing: Informative (explanations, information reports & procedures), poetry and imaginative texts. Students will engage with a variety of texts, producing their own pieces of writing.

Reading: Guided reading groups will continue in Term 4. The focus on reading will be to develop a range of effective comprehension strategies and an understanding of grammar and punctuation.

Lexile Readers: Lexile Readers compliment the Home Reading program for students who are on reading Level 29 and above. Lexile books borrowed from the library match reader ability and interests.

## Maths Focus

Students will continue to focus on the quick recall of **number facts**.

In numeracy, Stage 2 students will work towards mastering their recall of **all multiplication tables**.

Students must practise their **speed and fluency in mental computation** of these basic number facts each night. The other areas of focus in Maths are Working Mathematically and problem solving, Statistics and Probability and Measurement.

## HSIE

### **Year 3 – Places are Similar and Different**

Students examine natural and human features of Australia and the diverse characteristics of Australia's neighbouring countries. They explore the different climates, settlement patterns and demographic characteristics of places and use this information to imagine what it would be like to live in different places. Students consider how people's perceptions of places are the basis for actions to protect places and environments.



## Year 4 – The Earth’s Environment

Students explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia. They examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to the environment, animals and people and learn about the ways people value environments, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students identify sustainable practices and recognise that there are differing views on how sustainability can be achieved.

## Science and Technology/STEM

STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach. Students gain and apply knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative and critical thinking skills within an authentic context. In this case, the students will be engaged in inquiry and project-based learning.

## Year 3 – Structures/STEM

In the **Structures** unit, students investigate the relationship between the purpose of built environments and the features required to meet that purpose. Students investigate current structures in use and identify an area at school that needs a structure built. They explore the need, area and size requirements, then research and test suitable materials for their idea. Students write a design brief, draft a suitable design and construct a 3D model using available materials.

## Year 4 – Space/STEM

In the **Space** unit, students learn about our solar system, with a focus on how different phenomena in space affect our lives. Students learn about the orbital and rotational movement of the Earth and moon and investigate how these movements define our years, seasons, days, nights and tides. Students investigate gravity and explore how this force is different on the Earth, moon and other planets. Finally, students use ICT to demonstrate their understanding of one of these concepts and explain how this affects our lives on Earth.

## Year 3 Recorder

Year 3 students need to practise their recorder for **10 minutes every night** and bring their recorder in for their Recorder lessons.

## Stage 2 Assembly

Stage 2 Assemblies will continue to be held fortnightly (odd weeks) on Tuesdays at 2:20pm beginning on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## Concerts

Both Year 3 (Shrek) and Year 4 (The Wizard of Oz) will perform their concerts this term. The students and teachers have been rehearsing and working hard on their singing and dancing. Information regarding ticket sales will be made available via Skoolbag early into the term.



## Important Dates:

What	Grade	Details
Summer PSSA & School Sport Begins	3 - 6	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October (week 1)
Year 3 Excursion – Sculptures by the Sea	3	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October (week 2)
Year 4 Dress Rehearsal	4	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November (week 4)
Year 3 Dress Rehearsal	3	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November (week 4)
Chess Competition	K - 6	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November (week 4)
<b>Year 3 Performance Evenings – 7pm</b>	3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November (week 6)
<b>Year 4 Performance Evenings – 7pm</b>	4	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November (week 6)
White Ribbon Breakfast	K - 6	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November (week 6)
Year 4 High School Visit	4	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November (week 7)
Thank you lunch for parent and community volunteers	K - 6	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November (week 7)
Year 4 Excursion – Planetarium	4	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November (week 7)
Christmas Church Service & Final Scripture Lessons	K - 6	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (week 8)
Presentation Day	2 - 6	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (week 8)
Summer PSSA & School Sport Ends	3 - 6	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (week 8)
End of Year BBQ	K - 6	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (week 8)



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Sports Presentation Day	3 - 6	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (week 9)
End of Year Picnic	2 - 6	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (week 10)
Student's Last day	K - 6	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (week 10)

Thank you,

Stage 2 Staff