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Year 4 - Newsletter, Term 4

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4. We have a great term planned and we are looking forward to achieving academic growth combined with lots of fun activities together. We really are excited to be working with your wonderful children!

Some Important Dates for Term 4

Week 1	Return to school	Monday, 10 th October
Week 2	Interrelate Evening	Thursday, 20 th October 6pm
Week 4	Year 6 Mini Fete	Wednesday, 2 nd November
Week 5	NLPS Science Expo	Thursday, 10 th November
Week 6	White Ribbon Day	Friday, 18 th November
Week 9	Presentation Day	Thursday, 8 th December
Week 10	Reports Home	Wednesday, 14 th December
	End of Year Picnic	Friday, 16 th December

English

Speaking and Listening: Students will be given the opportunity to present a small talk on a topic of their interest each week. Photos can be shown through the Seesaw app if they wish.

Reading: Students will engage in daily reading as well as Literacy Pro to improve reading fluency and comprehension skills.

Writing: In Term 4, students will continue to focus on information procedures as well as exploring various forms of poetry. Spelling, grammatical features and punctuation conventions will also be taught daily using the Sound Waves spelling program.

Spelling: This year we will be using Sound Waves Spelling resources to support our teaching of spelling. In Sound Waves Spelling, children are gradually taught a range of skills and strategies that promote a deeper understanding of words and how they work. At the core of Sound Waves Spelling, children learn about speech sounds (phonemes) and the different letters (graphemes) that represent these sounds in writing. Each week your child will focus on one or two of the 43 sounds of Australian English known as 'focus sounds'. Once you know which sound your child is learning each week, you can look for opportunities to identify words containing that sound.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we have a focus on Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, as well as Statistics and Probability. Throughout the entire learning process in mathematics, students will be learning to engage in genuine mathematical activities and develop the skills to become flexible and creative users of mathematics.

Science

In science, the focus area will continue to be 'Using Materials for a Purpose'. In this unit, students develop an understanding of the properties of natural and processed materials and how these influence their use. They explore the property of elasticity in greater depth and conduct an experiment to discover which sports ball has the highest elasticity.

Geography

Stage 2 will be studying 'Protection of Environments' and 'Different Environments'. These lessons focus on sustainability and how different people, groups and communities sustain and protect their environment. Each lesson focuses on the investigation of specific groups and individuals and what unique and universal actions are being taken to protect the environment.

Technology and ICT

Across all learning areas, students will be engaging with a range of technologies to enhance their learning and offer flexibility by working at students' targeted levels. This includes Mathletics and Literacy Pro.

PDHPE

The theme for personal development this term is Child Protection. Through this unit, students will identify the rights of themselves and others. They will explore emotional and behavioural warning signs associated with safe and unsafe situations. Students will identify sources of support to assist them to learn about change and to seek help and advice to manage the changes associated with puberty. To compliment this, we will be implementing a mindfulness program called Smiling Minds, as well as the Second Step program.

Sport is on a Friday and students are to wear our full sports uniform, including hats, to school. Students (if selected) participate in Interschool Sport at various venues. Summer Interschool Sport will continue from week 1 through to week 7.

CAPA

Music will be taught each week by Mrs. Power. In visual arts students will be creating works based on our other units of work and celebrations, whilst experimenting with a variety of media. In drama, they will have opportunities to participate in role plays, games and activities which will encourage them to explore their dramatic side.

Homework

A fortnightly Homework Grid will be sent home on odd weeks, to be handed in on the Friday of the even week. Your child will be required to read for at least **20 minutes every night** and record this in their home reading log.

School Stationery

Please ensure your child's stationery supplies are topped up for this term. This includes 2 x HB lead pencils and 2 x 2B lead pencils for art.

Absences

Please send a note or an email upon students' return to school explaining the reason for their absence.

Keeping in touch

Stage 2 classes will continue to use the App 'Seesaw'. This is a secure method of sharing work with you.

Please contact me regarding any concern either by email susan.mayo@det.nsw.edu.au or phoning the school on 9913 7077.

Kind regards,

Year 4
Classroom Teachers

Mr Rob Zappia
Principal