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Newsletter, Term 1 2024

Welcome to 4S

Friday 9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 4S! I am delighted to be teaching your child in 2024. We have a great term planned and are looking forward to achieving academic growth combined with lots of fun activities together. We look forward to meeting you at the **Meet the Teacher Information Evening on Tuesday 13th February 2024.**

Some Important Dates for Term 1:

Week 2	Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 6 th February
Week 3	Homework begins Textbook Sale – Tuesday 13 th February Meet the Teacher evening – Tuesday 13 th February
Week 4	Leadership Assembly – Friday 23 rd February
Week 5	Summer inter-school sport starts – Friday 1 st March
Week 6	Cake Stall – Wednesday 6 th March Peers Support begins – Thursday 7 th March Zone Swimming Carnival – Thursday 7 th March
Week 9	Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28 th March Good Friday – Friday 29 March
Week 10	Easter Monday – 1 April Parent interviews – Tuesday 2 nd – Thursday 4 th March
Week 11	School Photos – Thursday 11 th March Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 6 th April

Timetable

Monday	STEM with Miss Nelson	9:10 – 10:00am
	Music with Mrs Power	10:00 -10:50am
Wednesday	Library with Miss Garden	1:40 – 2:30pm
Friday	Sport	After lunch – Inter-school sport – 12:15
	Assembly – Even Weeks	11:15 – 11:45

English:

This year we begin work on the new English syllabus. Units of work last for 5 weeks and are based on quality literature. All aspects of literacy; reading, writing, vocabulary, spelling and handwriting are covered in the units of work.

There is a major focus on reading fluency and the development of comprehension.

Our spelling work will incorporate work from the textbook, Oxford Spelling, which has been written to align to the new syllabus. There are three focus areas in spelling – Phonology, orthography and morphology. These will be discussed in more detail during the upcoming Meet the Teacher evening.

We will be continuing to utilise the Literacy Pro program, which students can also access at home. This program aims to develop students' comprehension through the completion of quizzes about the books they read at their appropriate lexile level.

Mathematics:

In mathematics, we will begin work on the new syllabus developed by the Department of Education. Lessons are based on studying mathematical concepts and aim to develop deep mathematical thinking. A major focus is for students to develop an understanding that a task may be solved in multiple ways, through a variety of strategies. There is also a focus in linking different content strands through commonality and in connecting mathematics to the real world.

Science:

In Science, students will learn about the physical world through studying the unit 'How the Earth's Surface Changes Over Time'. Students investigate how natural process and human actions cause changes to the Earth's surface.

History:

Students in Stage 2 will be studying the unit 'First Contacts', in which students explore what life was like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples before the arrival of Europeans.

STEM:

Each week, the students will be participating in STEM lessons with Ms Nelson, which will foster their critical and creative thinking skills. This work will be linked to the science units of work studied in class.

PDHPE:

The theme for Personal Development this term is how having respect and empathy helps you and others. This will be undertaken through 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 on Friday afternoons, at various venues. Interschool Sport will commence in Week 5.

Creative and Performing Arts:

Music will be taught each week by Mrs Power. In Visual Arts students will create a range artworks based on other subject areas, using 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:

Homework will start in Week 3. This will consist of a fortnightly homework contract, with a variety a tasks for the students to complete. Your child will also be required to read for **20 minutes every night** and record this in their Home Reading Log.

Medicines- Protocol

If your child needs to take medication at any time it will need to be kept at the office and not stored in their school bags for safety reasons. Medicines must be in original packaging accompanied by detailed instructions from your child's doctor.

Keeping in touch....

Please download both the School Bytes and Schoolzine Apps, which enable you to both receive information and send the school notifications about your child, including reasons for absences.

You can contact the school regarding any concern either by email (narrablks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), in person with your child's teacher (by appointment) or phoning the school on 9913 7077.

Kind regards,

Mr Luke Skinner
Classroom Teacher

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School Principal