

27 April 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 4 Students

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely restful break and are looking forward to the term ahead as much as we are. Term 2 is going to be challenging and enjoyable on an academic level as we move into the research phase of our inquiry unit on how people affect the environment and begin learning about Australian history later in the term.

Over the term the Year 4 learning journey will involve the following:

English: Students will continue to use the Daily 5 framework to build their literacy skills as well as participate in focussed writing workshops to build their skills in reading, writing and spelling. Individually students will focus on their own particular reading and spelling goals. In writing, students will continue to work on constructing good sentences and using descriptive language and interesting detail to engage and involve their readers in the stories they write. During focused reading sessions students will learn to gather information from non-fiction texts using graphic organisers and recording identified information as dot points. They will learn about the structure and language of information report writing and apply their learning to their own writing of information reports.

Christian Studies: Initially, our Christian Studies time will be used to prepare for our School Sunday Service on Sunday 16th May. We discussed the importance of community many times last term in line with our Christian Studies Unit. As such, the theme for our School Sunday Service will be how we can work together as a community based on the principles of the Bible. We hope that you can make it with your families to the service. **So that we can start to organise roles for the students would you please send us a message on Seesaw confirming that you will be able to be at the service. We would appreciate hearing from you by Friday, 30th April at the latest.**

Maths: During Daily 3 sessions students will continue to develop knowledge and understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning across all strands of mathematics. With a particular focus on further developing students' skills in Number this term, students will also apply their skills in data collection and presentation as well as using digital technologies to analyse the effectiveness of waste management across the school.

Home Learning: The primary focus of homework will continue to be, ensuring that your child is reading every night.

Key Dates:

- Labour Day Public Holiday - Monday 3rd May
- Thursday 6th May – Mother and Daughters' event & Mother's Day Stall
- Monday 10th May Unity Water Smart Incursion
- Sunday 16th May - Year 4 School Sunday
- Friday 28th May Senior Sports Gala Day 1
- Wednesday 2nd June Photo Day
- Friday 4th June Senior Sports Gala Day 2
- Monday 7th June Year 4 St Helena Island Excursion
- Thursday June 10th and Friday June 11th Senior Athletics Carnival
- Pupil Free – Friday 25th June

Important information:

- Sports Uniform - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.
- Formal Uniform – Monday and Thursday.
- Chapel - Wednesdays at 8:35am.
- Assembly Year 3 - 6: Fridays at 8:35am.
- Tuckshop: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Early departures: Please note – it is school policy that any student departing early needs to be collected from their classroom with an early departure card from the front office. Students then need to sign out with their parent at the front office. If you have an appointment, please allow time to arrive at school and follow this procedure. Students cannot meet you at the front office. This procedure must be followed as per our duty of care.

Crunch and Sip: Students are expected to have a water bottle and are encouraged to have some cut fruit or vegetables for “crunch and sip”. Please remember we are a “Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone” and we promote healthy lunch boxes.

We look forward to sharing an enjoyable and rewarding Term 2 with you and your child.

Kind regards

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