

YEAR 4



TERM 4

Welcome back to Term 4, there's lots of exciting things happening.

This term Year 4 will be covering the following topics:

Religion - Our unit this term, **Church of Mission and Ministry** will have a focus on the key actions of the Church community. We will learn about the organisational structure of the Catholic Church and roles and responsibilities. There will also be a focus on Pope Francis is an exemplar role model of servant leadership.

Mathematics - We will be covering all strands of Mathematics this term with an investigative focus.

English - We will continue our focus on writing and reading every day during our Literacy Block. We will also be looking at informative writing and the language and conventions authors use to engage their audience.

Geography - Our continuing unit this term is - **The Earth's Environment**. The students will explore animal and vegetative environments both here and in Asia. This will be central to our planned excursion.

Science - Our unit focus for this term is **Beneath Our Feet**. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings. Student's understanding of soils, rocks and landscapes and how they change over time is developed through hands-on activities and student-planned investigations. Students also investigate factors that affect the erosion of soils.

Visual Arts - This term the students will be creating 3D sock sculpture, sewing, painting, drawing and collage with a Christmas focus.

PDHPE - In PE this term we will continue to work with Mrs Ryals learning and playing Touch Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Cricket and Basketball!

Health - The students will be learning about *life changes, associated feelings and how safe practices promote personal wellbeing*. They will also be using CLIC ...which is *Content and Language Integrated Learning* to continue with some French words immersed within the Health subject area this term in lessons with Mrs Jacqui Bolger every second Friday.

Homework

We are aware of the time constraints of many families with extra-curricular activities, along with work commitments. With this in mind, we have continued to stream-line our expectations to be more child centred. As a class we have come up with a **Homework Contract** that includes some class and personal goals that we have agreed to meet. **Please assist your child to remember to bring their homework books and diaries in every Friday.**

Reading - Please ensure your child is reading each night. We even talked about going to bed earlier so we can read for longer!! Children should be reading a range of different types of text, such as, *non-fiction, fiction, fantasy, mystery, historical fiction, humorous, poetry, science fiction etc*. Please remember that in Year 4 we are not too old to be read to! This models good reading strategies, expression and fluency.

Spelling - Please ensure spelling lists are practised each night. They will receive their new spelling list every Monday. This can take many forms. Students are welcome to use any spelling activity they know and love. As each child learns best in their own way, we feel it is important students become aware of what works best for them.

Examples include: *parent testing, Look, Write, Cover, Check, flash cards, list on fridge, iPad apps, soundwaves online games, playdough & making up rhymes, raps and clapping songs*. You could even record yourself spelling the words out! Students will need to record their nightly method in their homework books.

Times Tables - this is a major focus across both classes. Again, students need to practise their identified (this will be determined by the teacher & student and will be different for each child) times tables every night using a method that is best for them. Examples include: *singing along to the many versions on You Tube, iTunes, CD, flashcards, posters, timing themselves, bingo, quizzes, iPad apps and practice sheets* available if preferred. In class we will be aiming to tick off mastery of each times table. Students need to record method of learning in their diaries each night.



Keep a look out for notes and details, as they are distributed throughout the term. In the meantime, check out where we are going at <https://taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo> We look forward to sharing this amazing experience with Year 4.

Finally, if you ever have any questions, concerns or would like to just catch up, do not hesitate to contact us at school and arrange a time. If you would like to use email as a way of contact, our addresses are:

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Looking forward to a fantastic term.

Kind Regards

Kym, Leonne & Sally

House Keeping

- Library day is Tuesday (4C) and Wednesday (4CS)
- P.E. - Tuesday (4CS)
Wednesday (4C)
- If your child is absent from school, please remember to send a note in when they return to class or use **SZapp**.
- Please label all clothes and belongings.
- Remember to pack cut fruit for fruit break and a water bottle each day
- Please restock your child's classroom supplies such items include: Glue sticks, lead pencils, coloured pencils, eraser etc. Check with your child on their requirements.

Dates:

Boorowa Touch/Netball Carnival

Friday Wk 2

4C Assembly Friday Week 4

Zoo Excursion Wk 5, Tuesday 7th November.

Class Mass - to be advised

Christmas Carol Service - 30th November

