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Room 25 Newsletter

Term 4 2018



Dear Parents / Caregivers,
Welcome back to Term 4. I hope your child had a great holiday and they are ready for the home run. The students have all settled into the final term which will also be very busy with many important events supporting their learning planned.

One of these exciting learning experiences will be an excursion to Victor Harbor on the 9/11/18 as part of our HASS studies to experience a close up encounter with the Southern Blue Fin Tuna. We will also explore the underwater observatory of the Australian marine life. A note has been sent home regarding this excursion, ask your child about it if you have not received it.



We are working on presenting an entertaining item for families and friends at Parafield on Parade POP, which is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 4th December.

Term 4 will also involve students participating in our annual Sports Day. The students are part of team that is allocated a colour and they are encouraged to wear their team colour on the day. The colours are red, blue, green or yellow. All are welcome to come on the day to support and cheer on our students. It's always an exciting day.



Over the page is a brief description of the learning programme planned for this term.

This term assemblies are on Thursday of weeks 2, 4, 6 and 9

Diary dates

November

Thurs 1st YEC Sharing Forum

Fri 2nd Sports Day

Fri 9th Victor Harbor excursion

Mon 12th Remembrance Day Ceremony

Mon 26th Pupil Free Day

December

Tues 4th POP concert

Wed 12th Casual Day with gold coin donation

Thurs 13th Year 7 Graduation

Fri 14th Last day Term 4

**Reports to go home
Early dismissal**

2:00 pm



**Remember
Hats to be worn when outdoors**

Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation

Students will receive weekly spelling contracts that are progressive in nature. We have had great success with our spelling program in term 3. The program will continue in term 4.

These contracts not only focus on spelling skills but also incorporate comprehension, grammar and punctuation exercises. Students will also take part in testing each week. Literacy rotations will also continue weekly, focusing on comprehension skills, word building, reading reflections, handwriting skills, spelling and grammar.

Numeracy

Term 4 maths concepts will be explored through group and individual problem solving, explicit teaching, Natural Maths methods and repetitive practise.



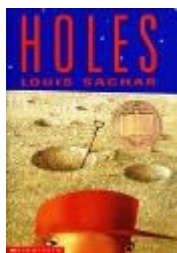
Our focus will be on:

- Pattern and Algebra
- Chance, Statistics and Probability
- Data collection, Graph construction and analysis

As per usual the students will be streamed in year level groups for maths.

Literacy

Literacy in term 4 will focus on the structure and attributes of a procedural text. This will allow students to make connections to different texts



that include digital and print. Students will develop their own procedures and share them with our PAL class.

Our class novel this term will be Holes, by Louis Sachar.

Science

In science this term our focus will be on chemistry. Students will identify the differences between pure substances and mixtures, investigate and explain the solubility of common materials in water and experiment with a range of physical separation techniques.

Hass

In term 4, room 25 will explore Asia in their HASS studies. They will develop an understanding of this continent and compare it with the Australian culture and lifestyle. Students will develop their own questions of inquiry, in line with the standards of the curriculum and learn a new way of presenting their learning on a visual data board.

Cultural Awareness

Term 4 will see students creating and implementing their own research tasks developing their inquiry skills. Students will also explore cultural and religious celebrations. Students will have an opportunity to share about their own cultures and religions in this unit of work. As part of these studies students will make their own Christmas decorations utilising digital technologies.

Homework

Continuing with our class routine, every Monday students will receive their Homework Contract. It is expected that they will spend 10 minutes on it each night to have it completed for submission on the Friday of the same week.

Drama/Music with Mr Luke

In the Arts this term we will be preparing for the "Music Count Us In" Assembly! We will also be preparing classes for their POP performances and exploring the world of digital sampling.

Health and PE with Mr Cuconits

After an extremely successful three terms, I am excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills. In term 4 health lessons; students will learn about food and nutrition with a focus on healthy eating. Students will also learn about maintaining healthy friendships.

The term 4 Physical Education component involves the following:

- Badminton - The following skills will be practised and developed over a 4 week unit; Overhead clear, underarm clear, drop shot and smash
- Soccer – The following skills will be practised and developed over a 4 week unit; passing, dribbling and shooting.



The lunchtime basketball competition for students in years 5-7 will also continue to run. The students are extremely excited because finals will be played this term.

We look forward to a busy, enjoyable term 4.

Kind regards
Frank Liemareff