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Parafield Gardens R-7 School

Room 29 Newsletter Term 4 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 of 2018! Now there's only one more term left! Firstly I would like say thank you for making sure that your child is on time for school in the morning as this has improved and it has significantly improved our attendance for Term 3. Let's continue to improve on this! I also ask that you remember to call the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent for a day; if you forget to do so, I will send home a green absentee note that you will need to sign and state why your child is absent for the date at the top. Please return these as it is important for all students to be at school and as teachers we have to attend to their wellbeing as well.

Throughout Term 3, Room 29 have looked into the First Fleet for our Humanities and Social Sciences topic, where we created identification cards as if we were convicts on one of the ships. We created some magazine covers for Media Arts and celebrated Book Week in colourful costumes as we worked with our PAL class.

Term 4 has some very important and exciting events for your child, as they participate in the 2018 Sports Day, as well as Year 3-5 swimming in Week 6. I will also be emphasising the use of our class diaries where students will need to fill out each night that they have spent time completing their homework, spelling contracts or reading their home books. It is important that as parents/caregivers you are emphasising and encouraging this practice as well.



Please make sure the attached slip at the end of the newsletter is cut out and returned signed so that I am able to acknowledge that you have read this newsletter.

What's on this term
Assemblies this term will be held on Thursdays in Weeks 2, 4, 6, & 9

Week 3
Thursday 1st November
Music Count Us In
Friday 2nd November
Sports Day

Week 5
Monday 12th November
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Week 6
Monday 19th to Friday 23th
November
Year 3-5 Swimming

Week 7
Monday 26th November
Pupil Free Day

Week 8
Tuesday 4th December
Parafield on Parade (POP)

Week 9
Wednesday 12th December
Casual Day
with Gold coin Donation
Thursday 13th December
Class Visits for 2019
Class Parties
Reports go home

Friday 14th December
Last day of Term 4
Early Dismissal at 2:00pm

Maths

In Term 4 we will be looking at area and perimeter of 2D shapes that we use in the classroom and around the school. Students will also learn how to complete simple division equations as well as understanding fractions and decimals on a number line in relation to whole numbers. All of these topics will be completed by individual, small group and class activities. We will be continuing our work with Room 30 for *Big Ideas in Number*, as well as completing daily Maths Mental routines.

English

During this term we will be focusing on our Narrative writing skills and the use of quotation marks to indicate speech. We will also focus on implied messages and how to show those through a narrative. We will also delve into poetry and the features that authors use to create an intriguing poem. As we did not finish **Rowan of Rin** by *Emily Rodda* in Term 3 we will still be using this novel for our class reading comprehension.

Science

Our focus for science will be Earth and Space Sciences, where the students will explore the earth beneath their feet. This will include looking at soils, rocks, landscapes and mapping skills. Students will have the opportunity to participate in experiments and will learn via a hands-on approach.

HASS

Our Humanities and Social Sciences focus this term will be on Civics and Citizenship where we will develop an understanding of the difference between rules and laws and how local governments have an impact on the decisions that are made in our community. We will then move onto Geography and knowing countries and capital cities around the world.

Design and Technologies

The students will make direct links to science and art via design and technologies. The students will create products to show their understanding of mapping. They will also plan, create and communicate their ideas by following ethical and social protocols.

The Arts

This term we will be focusing on Visual Arts, and will be finding different ways to portray ourselves via different formats of visual art. We will then also develop digital storyboards in order to present a narrative to the reader in a new way via our learning.

Health

In Health this term we will be discussing protective strategies for keeping safe as well as how to problem solve in real world scenarios. We will also delve into bullying, the reasons behind it and how to reduce bullying.

Music/Drama with Georgia Yates

This term in music, students will be preparing for Music Count Us In day in week 3. They will continue to participate in the Recorder Karate program and revise elements of rhythm. Students will have play and compose music using xylophones and percussion instruments.

In drama, students will continue to explore and develop the elements of a character and apply them in improvised scenarios. Students will participate in scripted drama including Reader’s Theatre. They will describe the elements of drama, including where and why drama exists.

Health and Physical Education with Matthew 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.

Kind Regards,

Emily Brown.

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I have received Term 4 Room 29 Newsletter.

Child’s name _____

Parent signature_____