



Government  
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# Room 9 Newsletter

## Term 4 2020



### Dear Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe it is term 4 already! Where has the year gone! I am so proud of the students in Room 9 with their flexibility and determination. Your children have worked so hard towards their goals, and despite some rather large disruptions during the first half of the year, they have all made some great progress.

This term we will be introducing the class to some new learning. As well as some new future members of our classroom. This term will be full of disruptions with Sports Day in week 2, transition for our year 7 students weekly throughout the term, transition for our new students into Room 9 and POP. It's going to be a crazy term, but learning to be flexible and accept change is an important part of learning for our students.

Our new learning foci this term are around making friendships and keeping these, as well as hygiene. This is a topic for which we will be asking for your support. Coming into the warmer weather our students will be getting smellier faster. Some are also experiencing changes as their body is growing up and they need our support to understand this. Please make sure you have enough school uniforms to accommodate for changing shirts regularly. We are reminding the students daily. Now would be a great time to teach them how to use the washing machine!



Further, we will be beginning to cover some growth and development topics with the students in appropriate groupings this term. If you have anything in particular you'd like us to assist you with in this area, please let us know!

This term we will also be finalising our data. I am so proud to state that all of our students have seen significant growth in their learning this year despite some big interruptions. It is great to see them making a commitment to their learning and aspiring to be brave with their answers.



We will be returning to swimming in week 1- Wednesday 14th of October. By now you should have received your swimming accounts. Please deliver money to Room 9, not the office as we manage these accounts directly with the Aquadome. A reminder that the pool is no longer able to share towels, goggles or bathers. They have also needed to close down their water fountains and so your child needs to come with a drink bottle.

Some important dates to remember for Term 4 are Sports Day 22nd October, Pupil Free Day 23rd October, Music Count Us In November 5th, Remembrance Day 11th November, Casual Day 9th December, and Year 7 Graduation (yes they are graduating!) 10th December.

A reminder, if your child is absent please do contact the office or myself via Class Dojo and we shall update their attendance for you. It is incredibly important for your child's consistency, social skills and learning that they attend daily.

Kind regards,  
Rebekah Cohen

**THE REMAINING ASSEMBLIES  
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAYS  
OF  
WEEKS 4, 6 and 9**

**Thursday 22nd October  
Sports Day**

**Friday 23rd October  
Pupil Free Day**

**Dental for Schools Program  
Monday 26th October and  
Monday 2nd November**

**Thursday 5th November  
Music Count Us In**

**Tuesday 10th November  
No Pen Day**

**Wednesday 11th November  
Remembrance Day Ceremony**

**Tuesday 1st December  
POP!**

**Wednesday 9th December  
Casual Day with  
gold coin donation**

**Thursday 10th December  
Year 7 Graduation  
Reports go home**

**Friday 11th December  
Last day of Term 4  
Early dismissal at 2:00pm**

**The 2021 School Year  
commences on  
Wednesday 27th January**

## Term 4 – 2020 Overview

### The ZONES of Regulation®

<b>BLUE ZONE</b> Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	<b>GREEN ZONE</b> Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	<b>YELLOW ZONE</b> Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	<b>RED ZONE</b> Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

This term during the Zones of Regulation lessons, we will be learning to understand others needs, and the ways that we can assist them through our interactions. Further, we will be continuing to address size of problems, appropriate reactions to problems, who can help us and using our voices instead of our bodies.

### Literacy and Numeracy

As you are aware, each of the 12 students in Room 9 are significantly different in all ways. We respect this and work with all students exactly where they are at. This means, for Mathematics and English we will map the learning to your child so that they are engaging with learning at their level to be successful. We will review your child's One Plan with you to track their goals over the year and carefully monitor any learning movements across the year to maximise our effectiveness as a staff.

In English we will be continuing to use Dr Suess as our influence as we explore rhyme, phonics and sentence structure as well as our new learning unit of book making. In Term 4 we will be continuing a whole class focus on time and introducing data and collection.



### Design and Technology

Over the course of the year we will be using a range of technologies such as QR codes, 3D printers, Makers Empire, laptops, iPads and more to further support and enhance your child's learning as required.

This term in particular, we will be using QR codes to improve reading access, and digital learning through a digital classroom. We will also be exploring direction via the coding of Ozo bots.

### Growth and development

As mentioned, this term we will be covering personal hygiene as well as some growing up learning. We will break students into groups based on their developmental appropriateness and teach them based on their readiness. If there is anything specifically that you would like us to cover, please contact Room 9 directly via Dojo.



### Music/Drama

Students will participate in folk dancing, focussing on groupings, rhythm and movement qualities. They will also continue preparing the Music Count Us In song ready for our whole school celebration day in Week 4.



In drama, students will participate in improvisation activities and games where they will consolidate the voice, movement and expression skills that they have been developing throughout the year.

### Auslan with Ms Krohn

During Term 4 the students will be reviewing all familiar signed vocabulary through various activities as well as learning new signs associated with "celebrations" and "games-indoor/outdoor"

### Health/PE with Mr Cuconits

In Term 4 I am excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills.

In health lessons students will learn about food and nutrition with a focus on healthy eating. Students will also learn about drug education and medicines.

The Term 4 Physical Education component includes net/court/wall games where students will be applying the forehand and backhand shots in rallies through the sports of badminton and tennis. The goal at the end of this unit is for students to be able to apply these shots in a competitive situation.



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 and a new champion will be crowned.

### A special note regarding Sports Day and POP Night

**Due to COVID restrictions, our families are unfortunately unable to attend our Sports Day. Also due to the current social distancing and COVID recommendations, details about our POP event are not finalised. Everyone will be provided with up to date information as the event gets closer.**

