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# Room 4 Newsletter

## Term 4 2019



Hello families and welcome to Term 4!

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break. I spent lots of time with my family and enjoyed some little trips. On the first weekend I reconnected with my dearest friends at Hardwicke Bay. Ashton and I went to the Victorian Mallee to see our Gran where Ash slept by a lake in his swag. Soon after we returned home, Ash celebrated his 16th birthday! This was a nice family affair that involved pizza, pasta and of course cake. Paul and I went on a few rides together along The River Torrens Linear Park Trail. This is one of my favourite paths to ride. I finished the holiday with a camping stay at the Fleurieu Peninsula with Ky. These little trips gave me lots of opportunity to reflect on the year so far and the final part that is to come.

We have noticed so much growth amongst our learning community. Growth that covers academic knowledge and understanding, as well as social and emotional development. The children have established a beautifully supportive and kind environment that is naturally promoting risk taking and acts of kindness. It brings me such joy witnessing their progress and it inspires me to be lead by their ways.

### SPORTS DAY

How exciting, our first SPORTS DAY! Mrs Ryan and the PE team have been so busy organising a day full of valuable experiences and fun. We invite you to come and watch your child participate in the event. Your child has been allocated a team— **Eyre, Sturt, Flinders, Barker**. We encourage your child to wear team colours, however school uniform is ok too. Please ensure that appropriate shoes are worn on the day and that you apply a layer of sunscreen on your child before coming to school. We will reapply throughout the day. We have been learning the team chants, as well as various events organised for the day. It is such a fun (and tiring) day and if you can't make it we will be taking lots of photos.

### POP Night-Parafield On Parade

For those of you who are new to the school community this year, POP is our end of year celebration. This year our theme is 'Our Favourite Books'. All classes prepare an item to share with families, friends and our community. Each child will play a valuable part of our item. We invite you to come and enjoy the evening showcase of PGR-7 School's talents. The details of the evening will be given later in the term.

## Curriculum

### ENGLISH

Book Making has promoted and supported the development of creative authors and illustrators. The children have used their own knowledge and ideas to create some fantastic books. We have seen information and expert books on Godzilla, crocodiles and being a school kid. Children have been inspired by the things they love and wrote books about adventurous princesses, cute dogs and cats, as well as blood thirsty dinosaurs and dragons. This term we will be exploring procedural writing by experimenting with 'how to' text. We will be reading recipes and making food and hope that we could produce our own recipe book. Throughout Book Making the children apply their Jolly Phonics knowledge. We will be discussing ways to improve their writing and set some personal goals to work towards. Jolly Phonics will continue to follow the format of the past 2 terms. We will be meeting as a team to discuss the ways each teacher uses this time to support each child and their particular needs. If you would like to discuss this further with your child's Jolly Phonics teacher please let me know and we will

### What's on this term

**Assemblies will be held on Thursday in weeks 2, 4, 6, and 9**

#### Week 2

**Sports Day**

**Friday 25th October**

#### Week 3

**Pupil Free Day**

**Monday 28th October**

#### Week 4

**Music Count Us In**

**Thursday 7th November**

#### Week 5

**Remembrance Day**

**Monday 11th November**

**No Pen Day**

**Friday 15th November**

#### Week 8

**Pop Night**

**Thursday 5th December**

#### Week 9

**Casual Day with gold coin donation**

**Wednesday 11th December**

**Thursday 12th December**

**Class Visits for 2020**

**Class Party**

**Reports go home**

**End of Term 3**

**Early dismissal 2:00pm**

**Friday 13th December**

**Term 1 2020 Commences**

**Tuesday 28th January**



arrange a time. Reading and being read to will continue as a daily practice during our morning routines.

### **MATHS**

Maths is a vital part of our every day lives and we try to make the teaching of maths relevant to the lives of the children. We look for opportunities to use every day, real problems in our lessons. Sometimes these lessons happen as we are walking towards the hall for assembly or while in the sandpit building a river. We pose questions to guide thinking towards the methods we teach and the language we use. We encourage you to look for these opportunities too. This highlights the importance of maths in our every day lives. We have, and will continue to, explore Subitising, Rainbow Facts, Counting On and Doubles. You will find some great *Natural Maths* resources in your child's diary. The children will continue to have a strong focus on number in maths rotations. They will use the skills and strategies they have learnt throughout the year to solve and record solutions to problematized situations.

### **OUR WORLD & INVESTIGATIVE PLAY**

People celebrate in different ways. Not all people have the same celebrations - some celebrations are religious, others are cultural, while some are family or country based. Celebrations help define who we are and give us a sense of belonging. The aim is for the students to respect and enjoy each other's celebrations. Culture and beliefs influence celebrations. We should accept and celebrate diversity. During Investigative play, learning experience will be designed to inspire and consolidate this learning through play and exploration. We will be using mixing and cooking as a platform to observe chemical sciences. We will also be exploring colour mixing and change. Offering a range of learning environments provides opportunities for creativity, messiness, taking risks, rigorous and loud play, as well as quiet and calm. Investigative Play encourages the development and maintenance of respectful relationships and friendships. This is particularly important at this time of year to support a smooth transition to Year 1. We will be visiting Lantana Kindergarten on a few occasions this term. This is to develop relationships with children who will be attending our school in 2020. The kindy will also be visiting our school.

### **MUSIC & DRAMA**

This term in music, students will continue working with the *Music Count Us In* song ready to perform in Week 4. They will continue learning to read, write and play rhythms using ta, titi and za. They will explore patterns in music and practise singing rounds. There will also be a focus on folk dance and learning dances from other cultures.

In drama, students will be focussing on improvisation. They will participate in a range of games and tasks to explore the concept.

### **AUSLAN**

During Term 4 the students will be reviewing colours and numbers, and using them in relation to the new vocabulary of "Sport and Games" and "celebrations". This will be delivered through signing games, songs, video and the use of IT equipment.

### **HEALTH & PE**

Wow! Term 4 is already here and it's going to be a busy one in Health and PE!



We have our Sports Day on Friday of week 2 (25th of October) so we will be getting ready for that in the first weeks of term. We will be practising for our events as well as discussing different techniques and strategies to use to be as successful as we can on the day. Children have been allocated teams already, so if you are unsure of your child's team, please speak to their class teacher. We would love to see parents and friends coming to cheer and celebrate on the day. We will also be learning about striking sports, including cricket and badminton and focusing on some fundamental skills, like hand/eye coordination. In Health we will be covering more safety topics, including Road Safety and learning more about our bodies.

We look forward to a fun, busy and productive term 4.

### **TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS**



*Kind regards  
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