

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

What a wonderful term of learning we had in Term 3! The students really enjoyed our unit on the movement of the Earth, Moon and Sun. The visit to the Planetarium was very successful and all students were able to describe the 'reason for the seasons' and why I was suffering from jetlag due to time differences when I returned from the U.K!

In Term 3 we enjoyed learning about money and became more confident with calculating change. Students really enjoyed setting up their shops and calculating the profit they made.

I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with many of you for our 3 way interviews. If you were unable to meet in Term 3 please remember that you are very welcome to meet with me in Term 4.

This term we will be learning about celebrations and hope to have an excursion relating to this theme. We will enjoy making artworks depicting many of the celebrations that people in our community acknowledge. If you have a celebration that is part of your family culture we would love it if your child could share it with us.

Other exciting events in Term 4 include our POP night celebrations on Thursday 5th December. This year's theme is 'Books' and we are looking forward to sharing Dr Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with you. It should be lots of fun. I will send out information about any necessary costume items later in the term.

We will be holding Sport's Day in week 2 Your child has already been given a team colour and has hopefully communicated this to you. Where possible students were kept in the same team as last year or with their siblings.

We will also have our swimming week this term in week 6. This is always a great learning experience as students build on their swimming knowledge. You are most welcome to come and support them at the pool.

This term we are fortunate to have the continuing support of two committed volunteers in our class, Ms Angel (a retired teacher) and Ms Tarny Zechner (a parent). These ladies both give up their valuable time to listening to children reading or work with small groups. I am very grateful for the support they give the students of Room 28. If any parents/carers would like to volunteer their time to listen to reading or support the students in a craft activity please contact me.

Kind regards,

Rachel Shephard

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 6

Swimming Week

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



Our Curriculum this term will include:

Literacy

Our Literacy program will be intensive and individualised to meet the needs of each student. This includes:

Spelling and Grammar

- Val Hunter spelling and Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar

Reading

- *Big 6 Literacy* activities daily
- oral language
- phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- comprehension and vocabulary building
- developing fluency

Writing including building sentence structure punctuation, persuasive writing, narrative and report writing, editing and linked handwriting

Mathematics

In Maths this term focus will be on the relationship between multiplication and division, time, fractions and angles.

We will also continue to develop greater strategies in our addition, subtraction and multiplication through a *Natural Maths* approach using hands on strategies, problem solving and the Big Idea In Number Program.

Science

In Science we will focus on the Chemical Science unit *Melting Moments*.

Every day we see or use things that have been melted or frozen, heated or cooled. All around us are items that we find both useful and attractive that have been moulded into different shapes using heating and cooling. These can range from cast iron frying pans and plastic rubbish bins to chocolate bilbies.

We hope to use the *Makers Empire* program to learn about design and 3D printing.

HASS — History and Social Science

In History students will identify the importance of different celebrations and commemorations for different groups. They will explain how and why people participate in and contribute to their communities.

Visual Arts

Students will explore artworks which depict different community Celebrations this term. They will experiment with a range of mediums and techniques to create their own works of art which will be displayed within our classroom.

Later in the term we will look to produce family gifts to celebrate the holiday season.

Technology

As part of our technology lessons this term we will think like engineers, using the engineering process. This involves a design, create and

critique process following five specific steps. The steps are: asking, imagining, planning, creating and improving. Students will work collaboratively and individually to solve problems and refine their skills in this subject area We will also use digital technologies across curriculum areas.



Health with Ms Rachel

In Health this term we will learn about the male and female parts of the body as we explore the meaning of public and private through our child protection curriculum.

Health and Physical Education - Mrs Ryan



We have our Sports Day on Friday of week 2 (25th of October) so we will be getting ready for that in the first two 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.

Music and Drama with Ms Britz

This term the class will participate in the "Music Count Us In" event on the 7/11/19. The class will learn an elastic dance, a cup routine and a hand clap percussion routine to the song. They will learn and memorise lyrics to the song and will rehearse and practice dances and actions for the song. The class will then evaluate the day and all they have learned. During this term the class will also work hard to rehearse and perfect a performance piece for this year's "Parafield on Parade" concert. The class will continue to learn and refine music notation skills. Towards the end of the term, the children will learn to sing and play Christmas songs and carols.

Auslan with Ms. Krohn

During Term 3 the students will be reviewing Colour and Number and using them in relation to the new vocabulary of 'Sports and Games' and 'Celebrations'. This will be delivered through sign games, songs, video and the use of I.T. equipment.



Last term we enjoyed learning about calculating change with our Room 4 buddies. They loved the shops we made!

