



# Grade 4 Newsletter

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## Welcome Back Pauleen!

Last week we welcomed Pauleen back to Grade 4! It has been great to see her fully recovered, full of energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Many thanks to all those parents who attended The Patch working bee earlier this month – it was lovely seeing you there and a great deal was achieved in the garden. What beautiful weather we had!

### **Tissues**

Both Grade 4A and Grade 4B are in need of tissues in the classroom! With the colder months approaching us, there is an increased need for these vital requisites in our rooms.

If you could pop an extra box of tissues in your shopping this week it would be greatly appreciated. The students can give the box of tissues to their very grateful teachers!

### **Drink Bottles and Hats**

- Drink bottles are a **REQUIREMENT** at school. They need constant hydration throughout the day.
- Please make sure your child has a clearly named hat for school, and preferably a spare to keep in their tub. Many students are spending their lunches and recesses in the shade of the buildings or on the deck and missing out on active play in the playground. Hats are also essential in our outdoor learning environments, particularly PE, Sport and STEM.

### IMPORTANT DATES -TERM 1

- **The Patch Parents' Coffee Morning**  
Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March,  
9.15-10.30 am
- **The Patch Gr 3-6 Athletics Day**  
Wednesday , 29<sup>th</sup> March  
9:30am until 12:50pm
- **The Patch Moonlight Cinema**  
Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 6.00 pm  
*The Lorax*
- **Last Day Term 1**  
Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March,  
2.30pm
- **First Day Term 2**  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April
- **School Banking**  
Every Thursday
- **Grade 34 Camp**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. YMCA Recreation Camp, Mt Evelyn

## What we are learning.....

### Literacy

So far this year we have been writing stories, then editing, revising and publishing them. In spelling we have chosen 5 words and getting a partner to test us on them. If we get them all right then you will chose 5 more words, but if we get any wrong they go in our next week's words. In reading we have been using sticky notes to track our thinking and write questions and connections.

### Numeracy

In numeracy we have been working on place value and multiplication we are using math's activity books called scaffolding numeracy. We have been using math grids to make patterns by using multiplication.

### STEM

In STEM we have been looking at sugar gliders' natural life cycle and what they do to stay alive. We are going to install wildlife cameras outside their home in the eagle tree to see what they are doing at night.

### Music

In music we are learning an African piece called Balafon which is played on the marimbas, xylophones, shakers and drums. We will soon be playing it at assembly.

### Grade one buddies

We have started to go to the grade ones every Friday morning. We are doing spelling tests and reading their school books. This is to them help with their reading and to give them strategies that helped us, when we were having trouble.

By Isabella and Jack

## Close the Gap Day

On Friday (17<sup>th</sup> March) Grade 4s recognized this Year's Close the Gap day by watching an episode of Behind the News and listening to the Wurrundgeri story of the platypus. We followed this up with a class discussion about the issues facing the Indigenous people of Australia in our present time.



## Chemical Science Studies in Term 2

We are really looking forward to an exciting Term 2. Our focus for next term will be Chemical Science, and we will be exploring food science (food creation, packaging and disintegration). We hope to have an International Food Fest at the end of term, and will be studying the effects of heat on various solid and liquid foods.

Early next week a note will be posted on QKR, and we will be asking parents to pay \$10 towards the purchase of various ingredients that we will be using throughout the term.



