



# Grade 4 Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES -TERM 1

- **Get to Know You Interviews**  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February  
4pm-7pm and  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February,  
4pm-7pm  
Register for Parent Portal  
(see email) and make  
bookings online for each  
student.
- **District Swimming**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.  
More information coming  
as we receive it!
- **Grounds Working bee**  
Saturday, March 4, from  
10am – 1pm. All  
welcome.
- **Labour Day**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- **Last Day Term 1**  
Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March
- **First Day Term 2**  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April
- **School Banking**  
Every Thursday

### Thanks and Reminders..

Many thanks to those parents who came along to our information evening on Monday. It was lovely to meet you and we hope you feel informed and confident about our wonderful year ahead, sharing the learning journey with your child.

#### **Pauleen**

Pauleen's recovery time has unfortunately been extended, and she now hopes to be back at work on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, in full health and back to her wonderful self.

Simone will continue to teach in Grade 4A. We are so lucky to have such an excellent teacher working in our team, and working with us to set up the learning environment for our students.

If you need to communicate to Simone during Pauleen's absence, please continue to email Jennie and your email will be passed on to Simone. Thankyou once again for your understanding.

#### **Hats and Drink Bottles**

- 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.
- Drink bottles are a **REQUIREMENT** at school. They need constant hydration throughout the day.

## What we are learning.....

### Literacy

So far this year we have done lots of reading! We have learning about using sticky notes to record our thinking. We use them to make connections (like text to self) and to help us understand our reading. We have been writing stories and have been planning our stories using story sticks and story boards to help our writing.

### Numeracy

We've started to do some booklets that see how we approach problem solving and strategizing in maths. One problem is about tables and chairs and working out how many people can sit at the tables. We've been playing some maths games using ten sided dice. We've been exploring place value and we drew number lines on the walls outside in chalk.

### STEM

We have been learning about the possum boxes and the sugar gliders that live in the Eagle tree. We have also been working in the garden.

### Music

We've been playing "Pass the Beat". Leanne was playing the flute and we are about to start learning recorders in music.

### PE

We've been doing athletics, warmups and practicing relays.

By Jordan and Annais 4A

## Get to Know You Interviews

Get to Know You Interviews will be held from 4-7pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Grade 4A interviews will continue to be held on these dates and Simone will conduct these interviews. She will answer any questions you might have, and record any information you wish to share on our teacher interview forms. These will be given to Pauleen on her return.

We are looking forward to meeting all our parents next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February or Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Booking "Get to Know You" Interviews and our new Parent/Student Portal

This year all bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews, including our "Get To Know You" Interviews, will be done online using The Patch Parent / Student Portal, through Sentral systems.

You should have all received an email with simple instructions to create a login and user name/password for Portal access.

If you have **not** received this information by email, it will be due to the school having incorrect email details for your family. Please contact Maddie in the office as soon as possible to update your information and receive your login key.

Booking interview times can be done by clicking on the "Interview" tab, which will be at the top left of your screen.

If you have more than one child, you can view them simultaneously by opening up the portal in separate tabs in your browser.

## Notes

**Please return all the start of year permission notes ASAP.**

***Your child will not be allowed to use digital technologies without their signed Digital Technologies agreement, nor will we be able to publish their photo in the newsletter if they should receive an award, without photo permission.***

The notes were sent as an email at the start of the year. Let us know if you need hard copies.

