



YEAR Four



Welcome to Term 1, 2024.

We have an exciting term ahead of us!

Important Dates

Wed 21st Feb

- Democracy, Community & Me Incursion.
- Meet the Teacher - 4:00 to 6:00pm

Fri 1st Mar

- Whole School Cross Country

Mon 11th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)

Wed 13th/Thurs 14th Mar

- Cybersafety Incursion

Thurs 28th Mar

- Last day of term. 2:30pm finish

INQUIRY

After completing the Civics and Citizenship unit 'Who makes the rules?', students will be able to give examples of what makes a successful community through its rules, laws and local government services. They will show their understanding by creating a minecraft community.

ENGLISH

This Term in Core Literacy, Year 4 students will revise previously taught Stage 1-6 letter codes and focus on Stage 7 phonemes and graphemes to improve handwriting, spelling and reading. We will use echo reading and partner reading to improve Fluency and have daily opportunities to read.

In English, we will use narratives to investigate and construct sentences using starting and ending punctuation, conjunctions (after, when, so that, although) and paragraphs.

MATHEMATICS

In Number, students will revise whole numbers up to 10 000 and then beyond. They will partition numbers by both their place values and in various ways to support calculations. We will also look at both mental and written addition and subtraction strategies and problem solving.

SPECIALIST SESSIONS

PE - Tues (4C, 4D), Wed (4A), Thurs (4B, 4E)

ART - Thurs (4C), Fri (4A, 4B, 4D, 4E)

AUSLAN - Mon (4B, 4C, 4D), Thurs (4A, 4E)

FOOD - Thurs (4A, 4D), Fri (4B, 4C, 4E)

Team Building - Mondays (Even Weeks)

Cohort Assembly - Fridays (Odd Weeks)



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Wide brimmed, legionaries or bucket hats must be worn from 15th Aug to 30th Apr. Generic hats can be worn as long as they are a sun smart style – **no caps**. Students without hats must stay under shaded areas. Sun cream is encouraged but must be applied by students independently.

THIS TERM IN SPECIALISTS...



Students will focus on where our food comes from. They will investigate how potatoes grow and the different ways they are used. Students will then plant their own potatoes in our school garden.



Our focus is the sport of "European Handball". Students will learn the skills and rules required to play a modified game of European Handball. Skills will include bouncing, passing and scoring goals. Students will also compete in the Whole School Cross Country on Friday 1st March.



Students are revising our learning of the signs for greetings (hello, goodbye, please, thank you), our family and the National Anthem through games and songs. We will look at how to interact respectfully with hearing impaired/deaf people and use the alphabet to finger spell names.



Throughout the term, students will learn about the Luna New Year and 2024 being the year of the dragon. They will use watercolour pencils to draw a dragon and paint this with water to activate the paint. Next they will use paper sculpture techniques to make a dragon sculpture.



HYGIENE

Students are expected to sanitise their hands each time they enter and exit the classroom. Students may choose to wear masks indoors.



ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be at school every day unless they are sick. Parents are asked to record absences via the Compass Parent Portal, email the school email account, call the office or provide a note explaining the reason for the absence.



LATE ARRIVALS

Gates open at 8:30am. Classrooms open at 8.45am. Students are expected to be at school on time, every day to ensure they do not miss the beginning of the learning focus.



UNIFORMS

Must be worn in full every day. Students not in uniform may be asked to change at the office in the morning. Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website. PSW has now launched our uniform out of their Campbellfield store. You can shop in store, online, arrange home delivery or click and collect.

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/wallan-primary-school.html>

Families may choose to purchase generic uniforms from department stores.

WATER BOTTLES

Students are required to bring their own water bottle. Water can be consumed during the day. Non water drinks can only be consumed at designated eating times.



HEALTHY SNACKS

Can be consumed in the classroom at a suitable time, decided upon by the teacher. Healthy snacks include fruit and vegetables that can be eaten easily whilst students work.

