

FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 4, 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Four! Our students have settled in well, are developing positive relationships with their teachers and have adapted to class routines with ease.

This newsletter will inform you of this year's curriculum, general organisation procedures and also a list of class requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the year, we encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

THE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

English includes reading, writing and speaking and listening. Reading continues to develop childrens' oral reading with opportunities to consolidate and extend comprehension skills. A reading support teacher will work in every Year Four classroom to support all students' learning needs during guided reading sessions. Writing lessons aim to develop students who are literate in many text types and cover grammar and punctuation. Opportunities to write are provided across the curriculum. Speaking and listening underpins many areas of our daily activities with public speaking offering every child a chance to further develop their oral language skills.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics involves the strands of:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability and
- Working Mathematically

Daily lessons focus on specific areas of these strands.

Concept development and problem solving skills will have a strong focus throughout the year.

PDHPE/SPORT

Every Friday, students are able to represent their school in PSSA sport or play games and develop skills in Home Sport. Sports uniform, a hat and suitable shoes are required for sport and PE. In class, students will learn about how to care for their own health and well-being.

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

We begin this term with a unit of study entitled *The Earth's Environment*.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Earth's Changing Surfaces is the first science and technology unit we will be studying this term. Students will explore and investigate the Earth's surface and how it changes over time.

CREATIVE ARTS

In addition to the classroom activities, students are given opportunities to participate in dance, drama, choir and recorder groups.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Year Four students have accepted the challenge!!! As part of this program, students are required to independently read texts that have been especially selected to suit their reading abilities. Class teachers and library teachers will assist your child in selecting interesting books to read.



HOMEWORK

Generally, homework will be issued each Monday and collected on Fridays. Homework tasks are directly linked to class programs and reinforce key concepts. Your support at home is valuable and should not involve doing the task for the child. If your child experiences difficulty with the homework, your feedback is particularly important and can be communicated with a short note in your child's homework book.



LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY

Every week the students will have the opportunity to borrow books in class time. However, we encourage students to use the library at other times also. Every week, students will also participate in technology lessons within their classroom.

Please ensure your child has a clean library bag so he or she can establish regular borrowing habits and a positive attitude to learning. The library opens before school and most lunch times.

INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS

Year Four students have the opportunity to participate in special activities offered at school and delivered by other organisations called incursions. Excursions arranged throughout the year will also enrich the students' learning experiences.

HOME READING

Reading at home with your child can make a significant difference to your child's learning. As an integral part of our literacy program, children are required to borrow a reader. At home, your child can share the book with yourself, a sibling or another family member. Signing the home reading record will assist the teachers to track your child's achievements. Please send a plastic folder with your child to protect the reader in transit.

IMPORTANT REQUESTS

Parents and caregivers are asked to ensure:

- Your child attends school every day.
- Your child is at school on time as valuable teaching and learning takes place in the first part of the school day.
- If arriving late to school or you are picking your child up before home time, you must first **get a leave slip** from the office.
- Your child wears full school uniform, including hat, every day. The school follows the "No Hat, No Play" policy.
- Your child has a **healthy** recess, lunch and drink each day.
- **All** clothes and property are clearly **labelled** with your child's name and class.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

- 1 homework book
- 2 HB pencils
- 1 ruler (please avoid flexible rulers or ones showing inches rather than cm.)
- 1 set of coloured pencils
- glue stick
- scissors
- eraser
- a highlighter
- plastic home reading folder
- 1 library bag
- 1 A4 display folder



Mr Bergamin
Assistant Principal

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year!

Mrs Mullarkey, Mr Morrone,
Ms McMorrine, Ms Green, Ms Knibbs
Mrs Lam and Ms Wilkinson
Year Four teachers