

Welcome to Year 4 – Term 3

The Year 4 teachers for 2018 are Mr. Emerson (4/19), Ms. Milne (4/20), Ms. Smith (4/26) and Mr. Moran (4/27). Welcome to Ms. Moran who will be joining us for term 3.

This year we wish to focus on building our students' resilience, improving their collaboration skills and increasing their independence. Being in Year 4 will be a very exciting and busy time for students. Our aim is to consolidate and extend your child's understandings in the areas of English, Mathematics and a range of Science and integrated topics.

In Term 3 we will be focusing on the THRIVE elements of 'getting involved' and 'trying your best.' Students will be working toward trying new things, working outside of their comfort zone and building a growth mindset.

We expect all our Year 4 students to:

- take on the responsibility of being a good role model for the junior year levels
- show respect for their peers, teachers, other children and the school environment
- display manners and be courteous at all times
- obey school rules and complete set tasks within the classroom
- be aware of their surroundings.

We thank you for your ongoing support so far this year and encourage you to continue to form strong partnerships with us through communication with your classroom teacher.

Specialist Program—

Our Year 4 students will be participating in the following specialist lessons throughout the year; Phys. Ed, LOTE, Music, Art and Performing Arts. Students will also be involved in year 4 sport.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 14th of August	'School of Rock' Production and school tour at EMC
Thursday 16th of August	Book Week Parade
Friday 17th of August 9am-11am	Morris Gleitzman Incursion
Wednesday 22nd of August	STEAM 'Creative Space' Incursion
Wednesday 29 th to Friday 31 st - August	Year 4 City Camp

Below is an overview of our structures and programs that aims to help inform you of what we teach and how we teach.

English -

Reading using CAFÉ and Daily 5; this program teaches **Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding** vocabulary strategies (**CAFE**) and encourages students to choose 'Good Fit' books from a range of sources. The students will read a range of books that they want to read. As a year level, we are focusing on comprehension skills through a range of sources. Students in Year 4 will also take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. PRC books will be available for borrowing by students from the school Library.

Students will plan, draft, and publish their writing following the structure of the Seven Steps to Writing Success program. They will continue to participate in the Big Write.

Spelling will be done as a part of the daily 5 rotations and also during grammar lessons. Students will become familiar with spelling rules and strategies to help them spell unfamiliar words. Each student will receive individualised spelling lists each week.

Mathematics -

This term we will be focusing on multiplication and division. Students will also investigate area, perimeter, capacity, volume, weights (g, kg), chance, time and money.

Integrated/Science –

This term we will be looking into the process of erosion and weathering for our Science unit and investigating towers and Melbourne for our inquiry unit.

Digital Technologies–

Students will have access to laptops where they can research various topics. This term the computers will be utilised as a tool to enhance learning in other areas of the curriculum and to develop knowledge in coding.

Homework –

This year students will be participating in various homework activities. One activity is the 100/100 reading club in which Year 4 students should be reading every night during the week.