

Summer  
Newsletter  
Class  
Four  
2017

Dear Parents



and friends of Class Four,

What a wonderful start to the year we have had! Although we are in the same classroom as last year we are blessed with many new opportunities as well as new faces! We would like to welcome; Haley Dawson, Beau Hewitt, Eva Graham, Asher Wrangles, Tray Johnson, Jai Larsen and Tilly Tyrell-White to our class family. They are all a wonderful blessing and we are delighted to have them join us.

The Summer festival was so much fun! We all certainly felt the lightness and warmth generated by our fantastic community. All the children smiled, laughed and enjoyed the festival on such a warm day in Autumn! I must congratulate the year six students for their efforts running the games in such a responsible and reliable manner! Thank you to all for coming and joining in and helping to make our first Summer Festival and extremely enjoyable one.

We have our Briars excursion coming up on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** thankyou to ALL for getting your permission forms back on time.

Despite it being Autumn the sun is still shining ever brightly. Please make sure your child has a school hat to wear, as it is school policy that children wear hats outside in first term. Please read the following extract re: school uniform policy.



Our class is quite good at being on time and we do understand that situations arise that make it difficult for your child to get to school on time. We are now all required to mark the roll at 9am in class, so please sign in at the office if you are late and we are not in the classroom. If your child is away sick, has an appointment or is going on a family holiday, please write me a note to notify me and I will adjust the roll accordingly and make sure you don't receive a letter asking for explanations for absences. I'm not very good with remembering verbal notifications, (sorry).

The children are given 10 minutes to eat their snack and 10 minutes to each their lunch each day. I ask the children to sit down and eat their food and to save their catch ups for recess and lunch play. This can be difficult to monitor as eating is a

very social occasion and we have a very social class family! After lunch children are able to eat fresh fruit and/or vegies during Story Time. Any processed food/sweets/cakes and lunch uneaten is not permitted as many children will often catch up with friends and chat and play during eating times, thinking they will be able to eat their lunch during Story Time.

#### Homework

Children should be encouraged to orally each night before they The benefits of doing this are enormous. Children who read night are much more confident spellers and writers as they are to and immersed in language regularly. Children should be their times tables daily. Many do not know their tables off by and this in turn affects their confidence and recall ability Maths Lessons. Students need to their tables off by heart by Class five and Six as the mathematical processes they learn become much more complex. Students will be getting a writing stimulus picture every Thursday night to discuss with you and to use in their writing the next day. Students will also get Math Drill



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homework worksheets to help with mental computation of basic math facts as well as a project to compliment Main Lesson.

### Main Lesson

This term we have been introduced to Norse mythology. Students have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the tales about Norse creation, how the first humans were made, and the introduction of Norse gods. A major theme that runs throughout Class four is the complexity of morality and striving of human beings. Having gone through the 9<sup>th</sup> year change, the children now find themselves in a new relationship to adults. The children now see the grey areas of life and that negotiation within relationships is imperative to find balance and peace. We have now begun our maths main Lesson where we are investigating number, factorisation and prime numbers.



### Numeracy/Literacy

This term we have been reviewing number patterns, place value, the four operations, using MAB blocks and reciting the times tables during Morning Circle. The children have been learning the various components of VCOP and The Big Write. Reading groups have been established and children are enjoying their new independent reading time. We are lucky to have two reading volunteers that listen to our children read twice a week. Children are being introduced to different spelling strategies and we are in the midst of developing our own spelling program within the stream.

