

4F Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3! I am very much looking forward to a productive and rewarding term working with the 4F students. The class have settled back into the classroom and are ready for a challenging term!

We will be celebrating Education Week in Week 3 (3-7th Aug). Students will be engaged in a variety of exciting activities as they explore the theme 'Learning Together'.

Contact

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to make an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school phone (49693577), Sentral parent portal, or school email (hamilton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). If you choose to email, please put my name in the SUBJECT line so the office staff know who to forward the email to. I will either contact you by phone or reply via the school email. However, if you have an urgent matter please ring the office immediately.

Weekly Timetable

Monday

-Stage 2-3 assembly (2:30). No parents permitted at this stage

Tuesday

-Library with Mrs Nelmes (odd weeks)
-Science with Mr Handley (even weeks)
-Scripture, ethics and mindfulness lessons at 2:30pm

Thursday

-Sports in Schools (odd weeks)

Friday

-Primary sport

Supplies

If you are able to help our classroom by providing any of the items below to be shared in the class, we would really appreciate it:

- ~ Whiteboard markers
- ~ Soap/Hand Sanitiser
- ~ Paper towel

Please ensure your child has a ruler, red pen, eraser, pencils, scissors and glue.

Absences

The NSW DoE requires all absences to be justified. If your child is away, please explain your child's absence.

You can phone or email the school, send an absence notification via the Parent Portal or reply to the SMS notification that is sent out at 9:30am on the day of your child's absence.

If you have not explained your child's absence via any of the methods above, your child will bring home a white absent note to explain their absence. Please fill this out and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Also, being at school on time is important so that your child does not miss the class procedures and explicit teaching part of the day.

Maths

Students will continue to focus on whole number, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

In addition to this, the students will be learning about the concepts of length, chance and data, angles, 2D space, area, 3D space, position, fractions and

Homework

Homework is optional, apart from home reading which is essential. It is very important to spend 10-15 minutes reading with your child and listening to them read aloud every day.

Pen Licenses

Handwriting remains an ongoing focus with pen licenses to be awarded throughout the remainder of the year.

Literacy

This term, we will continue to work with our SMART Spelling program with aspects of the SSP (Speech-Sound-Pics) program incorporated as well.

Comprehension skills will be explicitly taught and supported by the CARs online tool, along with a variety of other resources, with an initial focus on 'drawing conclusions and making inferences', followed by 'summarising' and 'identifying authors purpose'. Due to the disrupted nature of last term, we are continuing to work on our class novel, Wonder.

We will continue to work on imaginative writing, which will be followed by informative writing based on geography outcomes later in the term.

Overnight Excursion Update

We are very aware of the uncertain times currently surrounding us during this pandemic, and we are extremely thankful for your help and support during recent times. Although we were proactive in pushing overnight excursions as far back into Term 4 as possible (hoping restrictions might ease) at this point these experiences are looking unlikely.

All planning is currently on hold. These are trying times for our kids and, if these activities cannot go ahead, you have our promise to try and provide fun, engaging alternative experiences for students within DEC guidelines. There will be more information provided around this ASAP.

Warm regards,
Mr Clay Farrar
4F Teacher