

# 4R Newsletter Term 3, 2020

## WELCOME TO TERM 3!

We are looking forward to a more settled term, and are already working extremely hard. All students have returned with a positive, "can do" attitude, which has been very pleasing to see!

4R are exceptionally lucky to have Mr Joshua Harvey working with us for the duration of the term as he completes his final university placement, and we wish him a warm welcome and a wonderful experience at Hamilton Public School.

We will be celebrating Education Week in Week 3 (3-7 August) and students will engage in a variety of exciting activities as they explore the theme 'Learning Together'.

## 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 tricky 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 DOE guidelines. There will be more information provided around this ASAP.

## 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.

## ATTENDANCE

The NSW DOE requires all absences to be justified. If your child is away, please send a note explaining why on their return. Alternatively, you can phone the school to let us know that your child is away. If you have not explained your child's absence after a couple of days you will receive a white absent note to explain their absence.

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.

## LITERACY

Our SMART Spelling program will continue, with aspects of Speech Sound Pics (SSP) introduced.

Comprehension skills will be explicitly taught and supported by the CARs online program, along with a variety of other resources, with an initial focus on drawing conclusions and making inferences, followed by summarising and author's purpose.

We will continue to work on imaginative writing, which will be followed by informative writing, based on geography outcomes, later in the term. Handwriting remains an ongoing focus, with pen licenses to be awarded throughout the remainder of the year.

Due to the disrupted nature of last term, we are continuing to work on our class novel, Wonder.

## MATHEMATICS

This term, we will continue to have strong focus on whole number, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division.

In addition to this we will be working with length, chance and data, angles, 2D space, area, 3D space, position, fractions and decimals, and time.

## OTHER KLA'S

- Library with Mrs Nelmes (Tuesdays)
- Science and STEM workshops with Mr Handley (Tuesdays)
- Fortnightly PDHPE lessons with SISA (Thursday odd weeks)
- Sport (Friday)
- CAPA and Geography
- Scripture, ethics and mindfulness (Tuesdays)

## HOMEWORK

Homework is optional, however, students should be reading at home every night.

## SUPPLIES

We ask that your child has their own supply of:

- Pens (red and blue)
- Pencils (lead and colour)
- Whiteboard markers
- Ruler, eraser, glue stick.

Thank you very much, I look forward to talking with you all soon,

Sincerely,  
Miss Lauren Rose  
Stage 2 AP and 4R Classroom  
Teacher