

Class Newsletter

Term 1, 2021



4A

Dear Parents /Caregivers

Hello and welcome back to the school community. I look forward to a year of sharing learning, creativity and challenges with your child.

If you would like to contact me, please email – bgrah41@eq.edu.au for not so urgent matters or ring the school office before and after school hours and ask to be put through to me if you need an immediate response. Please be aware that I will not always be in the classroom during these times and I do not always check my emails between 8:30am and 3:00pm, so if it is incredibly urgent leave a message at the office and they will get it to me ASAP, thank you.

As this is a new year and a new teacher, I would like to explain the basics in 4A.

Developing Resilience

A huge focus of this year will be given to establishing resilience in our class. This will help the students both socially and educationally. Every little knock back or failure that children experience is not the end of the world and if they can approach these problems in a positive way and learn from it, they will turn into considerate and robust adults.

Homework

Homework is handed out on Fridays and is due on the next Thursday. Please work with your child to ensure that they have a routine that enables them to complete their homework on time, and then please check that they have completed the work neatly and accurately. The last check is that they have packed their homework folder into their bag on Wednesday night to ensure no Thursday morning panics. This does not mean do it for them as they are old enough to establish routines and discipline into their lives, but we all know a subtle reminder every now and then is much appreciated.

Homework will look a little different this year. There will be spelling and number facts to be learned and then there will be two pages of homework – a Maths and English page. The format of these sheets does not change. The Maths sheet has basic number facts and then some measurement, statistics and probability questions. With the English sheet, there is a comprehension activity, some spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation questions. The questions may not relate to the concepts being taught in class that week, but they a general revision of concepts they should know. If your child does not understand the question, they may like to ask you or an older sibling for assistance or for more challenging concepts, Google should be able to assist them. Also, if they come and ask me before it is due, I can also help them! If any questions

REMINDERS

Brain Break

Students may bring a healthy snack every day for brain break at 10am. Fruit and vegetables are accepted.

NO HAT NO PLAY

Students are required to bring their school hat every day.

Drink Bottles

Drink bottles are essential every day of the school year. Students are allowed to leave them in the classroom for easy access.

Bells

Children are to be lined up when the first bell goes at 8:45am. Parents are to wait in the eating area for collection at the end of the day.

Jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers and jackets are clearly named to avoid confusion about ownership and so they may be returned if misplaced or left in the classroom.



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are too challenging, leave them blank and I will explain the concept when we mark the homework. I do this for two reasons; firstly to try to get students to memorise concepts so that they will retain them better and secondly because we are in an information era where it is impossible to remember everything we hear, so it is beneficial to be able to seek answers through appropriate questioning either from humans or the internet when we are challenged. As adults we do it regularly so it is important that children learn how to pose the right questions to get the answer they require.

Fruit Break and Water Bottles

Just a reminder that fruit break is a little brain break in the middle of the first session. Therefore, the fruit they bring should be small enough to be able to be eaten in around five minutes or cut up and put into a plastic container so they can eat any unfinished fruit during lunch breaks.

Water bottles are a necessity as there is not enough time during lessons for children to leave the classroom for a drink from the bubblers. Please clearly name the bottle and get the children into the habit of bringing it home every day so that it can be washed and refilled. Thank you.

Curriculum

In English we will be studying the structure and language features of narratives and writing a narrative based on a fun prank. In Mathematics we are exploring number and place value and strengthening our computations in the four operations, as well as delving into time, fractions and probability. Weathering and erosion will be the focus of Science and in HASS we will be exploring Australian history up till 1800.

Specialist Lessons

Drama – Monday 11:30 – 12:00

Music– Thursday, 10:00 – 10:30

LOTE – Thursday, 10:30 – 11:00

Library – Friday 10:30 – 11:00

Physical Education – Friday, 2:30 – 3:00

I look forward to a wonderful year full of new experiences and learning.

Weekly Routine

Monday	Drama	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Music	Japanese
Friday	Library	PE

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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