Grade 4 Learning Community
Term 2 Newsletter

Dates to Remember:
Athletics Day—19th April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday—25th April
Curriculum Day—10th June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday—13th June

Let’s be on time
Just a reminder that school begins at 8:50 am. Grade 4 students are able to enter the room at 8.45am to put their bags away and their netbooks in the cupboard.

It is very important that all children are at school before 8.50 am to begin the day with their peers. If your child is late, they must be signed in at the office and present their late slip to the teacher.

3/4 Camp to Phillip Island
Grade 3/4 Camp will be held from August 31st to September 2nd! Please keep an eye out for notes going home in the coming weeks.
Garden
This year in the garden we have been tidying up the veggie patch by putting mulch on the spaces that need it. So far we have planted cucumbers, carrots, celery and a lot more.

Reading
This term in Reading we have been learning how to read procedural texts. Next we will be reading information reports and making predictions and connections.

Art
Last term, our topic was Japan and we made a cherry blossom painting and a windsock fish. In art this term we are discovering ways to improve the ‘buddy bench’ and the garden using our imagination and artistic talent.

Writing
In Writing, we are nearly finished procedures. Soon we will begin information reports. The students in the Grade Four Learning Community enjoyed these sessions.

Sport
As the Athletics Carnival is coming up, the year 4 students have been practising events that they will be doing including high jump, triple jump, discus and hurdles.

Maths
In Maths we are starting mass. We are discovering how you can weigh different things using different scales. We have done multiple activities to determine ways to tell how much an object weighs e.g. hefting.

Japanese
This term in Japanese we will learn about locations and directions and how to ask for them. We have recently finished feelings, number kanji and making our folders.

Science
In Science this term we are learning about force. We have finished learning about life cycles and food chains of plants and animals.
What are we learning about in Term 2?

Inquiry
Health and Human Development
In Term 1, we discovered lots of interesting information about the human body and staying healthy. This term, we will be using this knowledge to take action to help others in our school community keep their bodies and minds healthy. Students will teach a fitness activity to other students at Newport Gardens, to demonstrate the benefits of exercise.

Change / Environment
Later in the term, the Grade 4 Learning Community will investigate how change occurs. We will identify a local environmental issue and attempt to play a part in changing the fate of a local plant or animal species.

In Reading we are learning about:
- Procedures
- Predicting
- Making Connections
- Information Reports
- Novel Study— Roald Dahl’s ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’

In Writing we are focusing on:
- Procedural Texts
- Information Reports
- Explanations

In Numeracy we are focusing on:
Mass, Data and Graphing, Addition, Subtraction and Money

Specialists

4A
P.E. —Tuesday (8.50-9.50am)
Art—Tuesday (9.50-10.50am)
Japanese— Thursday (8.50-9.50am)
Science—Thursday (9.50-10.50am)

4B
P.E.—Tuesday (8.50-9.50am)
Art—Wednesday (12.20-1.20pm)
Science—Thursday (8.50-9.50am)
Japanese— Thursday (9.50-10.50am)
**Tissues**

Are you able to donate a box of tissues to our classroom?

They certainly help during the sniffle season!

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**Homework**

The Homework Matrix will be handed out to students this week with 2 Homework tasks due every Thursday. If for some reason your child cannot hand in their homework for a particular week, please speak to their home group teacher. Your support is much appreciated.

**Food Allergies**

We do have some children in our learning community who are allergic to nuts. For this reason please be mindful when you are preparing your child’s lunch. **Children are not allowed to share any food from their lunchbox.**

**Birthdays**

We love to celebrate birthdays with the children! If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to bring in some treats you can either: bring something for all children or just bring something for your child’s home group. There are 21 students in 4A and 20 students in 4B. It is much easier to manage individual items like cupcakes or lollies rather than a large cake that needs to be cut and served. **Please do not feel like you need to bring anything along!**

**‘Show & Share’ Program**

Our ‘Show & Share’ Program was a great success last term. We thank both students and parents for their enthusiasm. Today, a note went home detailing our ‘Show & Share’ Program for Term 2 and the date your child has been selected to bring in an artefact to share with their peers. **Your child is not required to complete any tasks from the Homework Matrix the week of their Show & Share.** If you have any questions about this program, please see Ellie or Declan.