

M5 TERM 4

2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had a good break. The children have settled back into the class routines and are ready for another very busy and exciting term of learning.

For our new families our names are Carmela Zanin (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and Chamila Chandrasena (Monday and Friday).

Due to the ongoing pandemic we will continue to follow social distancing and good hygiene practices to stay safe.

We look forward to an exciting term working with you and your children.

Kind Regards,

Carmela Zanin
Chamila Chandrasena

DIARY DATES

Monday, 22nd November – Pupil Free Day

Friday, 26th November – Colour Run

Friday, 10th December – End of Term 4 (Early Dismissal)

Assemblies will be held on Fridays. Please refer to the School Newsletter for the dates. **(Due to COVID-19 restrictions parents are NOT allowed to attend).**

(If there are any changes, we will update you.)



Things to Remember:

Library



Our Library/Resource Centre day is on **Wednesday**. The children will need to return and borrow their books on this day.

Homework bags



These are used to take notes, communication, library books and reading books home. They need to be returned to school every day. Please check this regularly as there might be important notes for you to read and sign.

Communication



We will use ClassDojo app to communicate and share our learning with you. For urgent communication, please contact the front office on (08) 8337 1411.

Homework



Students need to practise reading every night. Please support your child by listening to them read and asking questions to help them understand the book they read. They also need to practise reading their Frequently Used Words and complete their maths activity.

Healthy Food



Children are expected to bring brain food (a healthy snack) for recess and a healthy meal for lunch.

Please send a water bottle with your child to drink throughout the day.

School Hats



All students must wear the school bucket hat at all times in Terms 1, 3 and 4, and any other times of the year when the UV level is 3 or above.

Please ensure all items sent to school are labelled with your child's name.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please SMS the school on **0407949271**. If you need to take your child out of the class for an appointment or early dismissal, please go to the front office and they will arrange your child to meet you at the front office.

Overview of Learning in Term 4

Our **topic** for this Term is Australian **Celebrations**. The children will read, listen, view a range of fiction and non-fiction books about Celebrations, and learn the vocabulary and the characteristics of Celebrations such as the special features of the celebration.



In **English** the students will use our theme of Celebrations to explore the purpose, structure and language features of a factual description and a procedure. They will learn to write a factual description and procedure both orally and in writing collaboratively and independently. Students will continue to develop their recount writing skills by writing about holidays, weekend etc.

Our **Grammar** focus is on common nouns, proper nouns, pronouns, adjectives, circumstances of place and time, and verbs.

The **Spelling** program will include Jolly Phonics, Words their Way, Frequently Used Words, Topic Words and will vary according to students' needs.

Students will develop their **speaking and listening skills** through asking and responding to questions, Show and Share, and getting involved in play activities.

Reading - Students will borrow their reading books once a week. They read the book at school and are expected to read it again at home.

In **Mathematics** students will continue to focus on number and place value – counting and calculating and number patterns. They will recognise, represent and order numbers to 1000/10000, consolidate their learning of addition and subtraction, recall multiplication facts of two, three, five and ten and related division facts. They will also create and describe number patterns involving addition and subtraction while focusing on mathematical language and problem solving. Students will use metric units for length, mass and capacity, such as millimetre, centimetre, metre, kilometre, gram, kilogram, millilitre and litre.

Show and Share – Term 4 Show and Share list has already been given out to the students. Show and Share helps students to develop their speaking and listening skills. Please support your child with their presentation.

Specialist Lessons – Students will have **Health & PE** specialist lessons with Ms Kirsty (**Tuesday and Wednesday**), **Arts/Dance** specialist lessons with Mrs Chawla (**Thursday**) and **Science** specialist lessons with Mrs Graves (**Friday**).

ChromeBooks – Students will be using Chrome Books to assist them with their learning.

There will be discussions on strategies for keeping safe, assertive communication and review of trusted networks as part of the **Child Protection Curriculum**.



We focus on our four **School Values** (**Respect, Excellence, Empathy and Community**) through class programs.

You can access the Australian Curriculum online.

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources-and-support/parent-information>

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Thanks. *Carmela Zanin & Chamila Chandrasena*