



## YEAR 4 UPDATE - TERM 4, 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Term 4, our final 11 weeks for the 2022 school year. There is still plenty of learning to be done, with many enriching learning experiences planned for our Year 4 Students.

### **Diary Dates**

The following key dates pertain to upcoming events for Year 4 students. We will endeavour to keep you updated with any variations via CareMonkey and SeeSaw

#### **PSSA and School Sport**

Begins Friday 14th October and ends Friday 2nd December

#### **Year 4 Planetarium Incursion (Science)**

Thursday 20th October

#### **Year 6 Mini-Fair**

Wednesday 2nd November

#### **P&C End of Year BBQ + Art Event**

Friday 2nd December

#### **Colour Run**

Thursday 8th December

#### **Year 4 Geography Expo**

Tuesday 13th December

#### **Stage 2 Presentation Day**

Wednesday 14th December (11:40am)

#### **Years 2-6 Picnic Day**

Thursday 15th December

#### **Last day of Term 4**

Friday 16th December

### **Homework Reminder**

Daily homework in Reading, Spelling, Maths and other set tasks will continue in Term 4. We encourage you to support your child to work to their full potential and present quality work. For students to gain the maximum potential from homework, please:

- Ensure all **homework** is completed promptly, neatly and returned on time. This will enable you and your child to work out an **appropriate schedule** that does not encourage them to leave work until the last minute.
- Ensure sufficient time and space is given to support your child to complete homework.
- Ensure your child's out of school schedule allows them to focus on homework and places an emphasis on the academic needs of your child.
- Encourage your child to **read every night**.

We ask all parents to continue to monitor the completion of homework. **Please sign your child's diary and homework books on a regular basis.**

### **Key Learning Areas**

### **English:**

The focus of writing this term is learning to entertain, with Year 4 focusing on visual literacy, poetry and poetic devices. Grammar and vocabulary are explicitly taught as part of the entertaining writing unit of work. During Reading Groups, students will engage in analysing and appreciating poetry in order to further support their understanding of these texttypes.

### **Mathematics:**

Students will further their understanding and skills in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Students will focus on improving the application of all four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Year 4 students will continue to participate in Maths Pathway as well as focussing on volume and capacity, three dimensional space and mass.

### **Geography:**

#### **Year 4 – The Earth’s Environment**

Following on from Term 3, students begin to explore the geographical features of countries in Asia. Students will engage in a research project where they display key information as a group about their chosen country in Asia. These projects will be shared with the Year 4 cohort and the school community towards the end of Term 4.

### **Science:**

#### **Year 4 - Earth and Space**

Learning from Term 3 continues on, with students investigating changes to the Earth’s surface over time as a result of natural processes and human activity. As part of this, they will learn about characteristics of soil, types of rocks and investigate why erosion occurs and how it can be managed. Students will also explore the interactions between the Sun and the Earth, including how the Earth’s rotation on its axis causes regular changes.

### **Personal Development/Health/Physical Education (PDHPE):**

#### **Year 4 - Managing Change/Cricket**

In the ‘Managing Change’ unit, Year 4 students will develop an understanding of social and emotional changes that can occur and how these differ amongst their peers. They will begin to recognise automatic emotional responses and strategies to manage these. In Physical Education lessons, Year 4 will apply their skills in striking, throwing and catching as they participate in modified games of cricket.

### **Creative Arts:**

#### **Year 4 - Music**

In term 4, Year 4 will participate in the music program provided by Amplify Music. These weekly lessons will teach students about the concepts of music and how these apply to modern day pieces. Students will engage in appreciation of music as part of this program.

### **Semester 2 Reports**

Classroom assessment is continuous and the first few weeks of this term are allocated to the analysis of data in preparation for Semester 2 reports. When preparing these reports we take into consideration class bookwork and participation, anecdotal records, homework, projects and tests to allocate grades representing your child’s actual achievement in each learning area. Across grade assessments are an integral and effective tool for making comparisons between students in different classes. They enable teachers to plan and modify teaching programs to meet individual learning needs.

Semester Two Reports will come out at the end of Term 4. It is a comprehensive report outlining student achievement in all 6 KLAs and specialist programs at Randwick Public School.

### **Reminders**

Please continue to assist us by:

- **Ensuring your details are up-to-date and regularly check SeeSaw and Operoo to receive school information and permission notes.**
- **Making sure your child has a raincoat that fits each day due to inclement weather.**
- Keeping your child at home if they are unwell.
- Reporting your child’s absence to the school on the same day by phoning or emailing the school. Unexplained absences will be followed up by a phone call/note.
- Ensuring your child knows their pick up arrangements for each afternoon.

- Ensuring your child has their own pencil case and that it is fully equipped. Please ensure your child has the minimum requirements of headphones, lead pencils, a ruler, a pair of scissors, glue and an eraser.
- Making sure your child has their water bottle everyday.
- Placing your child's name and class on all belongings.
- Ensuring your child wears a school broad brimmed hat and sunscreen every day.

The Year 4 teachers look forward to working with you to support the learning of your child throughout Term 4.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Teachers