



Level News:

FOUNDATION NEWS FOR TERM 4

As term four begins, the Foundation students are working really hard at getting ready for grade one. In English, the students are perfecting their sound and phonics knowledge to help them become better writers and spellers. Their handwriting will continue to improve as they complete their writing on dotted thirds from now on, which will help them to form their letters correctly. In Mathematics we will be continuing to look at addition, subtraction, time, measurement and chance over the course of the term. Integrated Studies is going to be very exciting this term with the chicks arriving and an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo at the end of the term.

We look forward to a great final term in Foundation with lots of exciting learning to come!

GRADE 1 NEWS FOR TERM 4

This term in Reading, the grade one students will be beginning the 'Independent Reading' program where students will be choosing books that are 'Just Right!' for them to read. We will be creating our own classroom libraries full of books for the students to choose from. Students will be involved in the process of choosing books that interest them and are suited to their level of reading.

In Mathematics, students will continue to be challenged through the use of engaging activities covering a range of topics we have looked at this year. We will be focusing on skip counting, using calculators to check our answers, measurement using pan scales and graphing data.

Our science topic this term is 'Look! Listen!', where students will investigate sources of light and sound, how they are produced and how they travel. We will also be looking at the topic of 'Community Helpers' to identify and investigate the importance of people and their roles within the community.

GRADE 2 NEWS FOR TERM 4

We hope all of our grade two students and their families had a wonderful break. Term four is going to be a busy term as we prepare the students for grade three.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on setting up our classroom libraries and building on our understanding of 'Independent Reading'. The students will be assisting their teachers set up their classroom libraries so that they contain books that they want to read. They will also be learning about how to choose their 'Just-Right Book'.

In Writing, there will continue to be a weekly 'Talk-time' homework on Wednesdays for the 'Big Write' session every Thursday. The genres we will be focussing on this term are narrative, persuasive, information reports and recounts.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will continue to develop strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide. In our Mathematics sessions we will also be looking more closely at shape, time problems and reading maps.

Science

In Science, our topic is 'Water Works'. We will be looking at the water cycle and looking at ways we can save more water. We will be visiting Edendale Farm later in the term to learn more about water.

You Can Do It!

'You Can Do It!' is a resilience program used in primary schools. This term the grade two's will be focussing on feelings and resilience.

Homework

In Foundation to grade four the Department of Education advises that homework -

- should not be seen as a chore
- enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials
- will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- will generally **not** exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

Throughout the year we would like all students to be reading everyday and to also be completing Mathletics activities online. Every week the students will have a Soundwaves focus to complete at home. This is replacing their weekly spelling tests. We want the students to investigate spelling patterns now and extend their thinking. There will be a speaking and listening assessment this term. Further explanation will come home soon with a timetable of your child's presentation day.

We are looking forward to a term full of learning and fun!





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GRADE 3 NEWS FOR TERM 4

Term four is going to be a very exciting term for the grade three's. This term we will be learning about the history of Eltham, local landmarks and how life has changed since the 'Olden Days'. As part of this topic we will be visiting the Eltham Courthouse and other local significant historical landmarks. We will be learning about angles, time, revisiting money and place value, continuing our work on the four processes and volume/capacity. Talk Time will also resume this term as part of our public speaking program. The grade three's will continue working on their reading skills, particularly working towards improving their understanding of the main ideas in a text. The students are very excited about Swimming which will take place on 10th to 20th November, 2015 at Eltham Leisure Centre. This will be a very busy term!

GRADE 4 NEWS FOR TERM 4

The grade four students are very excited about going on camp this term. They will be designing their front covers for their camp booklets. It promises to be a great adventure!

For Handwriting, students will be focussing on joined writing in pen! All students were very excited to get their pen licences last term.

Our topic this term is 'Relationships that exist between living things that affect their survival'. Students will learn about biodiversity, ecosystems and how living things adapt to their environment. In ICT, students will create their own mind maps.

For 'You Can Do It' we will be discussing the value of persistence and organisation.

In Mathematics, we will be revisiting the four processes and other topics such as measuring and naming angles, money and mapping.

Of course, we will be continuing our fantastic singing sessions. We have been learning some great songs and are looking forward to performing some of these at assembly.

GRADE 5 NEWS FOR TERM 4

This term in Mathematics the grade five students will be consolidating their understanding in various areas of mathematics studied throughout the year. Some of the key focus areas for this term will be problem solving, fractions and decimals, and geometry.

In English, students will be focusing on writing procedural and discussion texts as well as composing poetry. Students will also continue to build their knowledge of comprehension strategies and have the opportunity to apply them to a variety of texts. Students will also, once again, have the chance to present formal presentations to their peers.

The grade five's will also be studying 'life' through their integrated studies. This unit will require students to ask questions of themselves and what they understand about the living world around them. This will encompass the classification of life, the essential things for survival, reproduction and artificial life. As part of this unit, the students will also be participating in a Sexual Education program this term.

GRADE 6 NEWS FOR TERM 4

Term four is a very busy yet exciting term for us in grade six. In English we will be writing a variety of texts including Persuasive, Point of View and Narrative. Students will also be completing their Autobiographies in preparation for their Grade 6 Yearbook. We will be reading an array of text types as well as researching the language and visual cues authors use to attract a reader. In Mathematics we will be revising concepts taught throughout the year, in preparation for transition into Year 7. Some of the topics covered will be: prime and composite numbers, chance and data, percentages, fractions and decimals, algebra and problem solving strategies. Our Integrated topic will cover Civics and Citizenship in the way of Government. We will be looking at rules and responsibilities, the three levels of government and laws.

Organisation for Graduation will commence within the first few weeks of term. The students will be busy learning songs, getting in groups and rehearsing some wonderful performances. Nearing the end of the term we will be heading to Skaterz, as well as Funfields Toboggan Park to celebrate their completion of primary school. Permission notes and information regarding these events will be sent out during the first week of term.

