

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Sutherland Dianella PS for Term 3! We hope you have all had a chance to relax and recharge, ready for another great term!

This note aims to include important areas of our learning in B4, alongside many important dates for the upcoming term. Please ensure you add these to your diaries to avoid missing important school-wide events.

Literacy

Over the course of the term in Talk 4 Writing, the children will be learning about narratives, persuasive texts and poetry. Our learning in Spelling will continue to focus on a selected spelling rule or patterns each week. We will also continue with the same routine for our spelling homework. This will ensure that the children are retaining what they are learning in class by working on the same rule or pattern at home the following week.

Numeracy

This term the children will be focusing their Numeracy Learning on developing a greater understanding of Australian money. Due to our learning area of Australian money being a large focus for the term we will be using a new classroom management tool to reinforce this area of learning. We will leave our current class Dojo for this term and be using a money reward system instead. Students will keep track of the 'money' they earn in a booklet which you will be able to view before and after school.

In Measurement, we will be focusing on length using informal units to measure various objects in the classroom. In Geometry, we will be using positional language, directions and maps. The children will then be transferring this information to program Bee-Bot robots.

Homework

Spelling and reading homework will commence in Week 2. The format will be the same as last term. Please ensure children are writing their spelling words in the spaces provided as well as recording their reading book or chapters books read. News will begin in Week 3. A news roster and news topics are attached to this letter to explain how it will work this term.

Specialist Areas

This term the students in B4 will participate in the following classes:

Music with Mr Rea	Monday 9.55-10.55
Science with Mr Goulter	Tuesday 11.15-12.15
Sport with Mr Matheson	Wednesday 11.15-12.15
Geography with Mr Rea	Thursday 11.45 – 12.15
Art with Mrs Louise	Friday 9.55-10.55

Important Dates

Faction Training is every Thursday between 2pm-3pm. Students are encouraged to wear sport shoes and their faction shirt. The Faction Carnival is in Week 6, Friday 1st September.
Book Week is in Week 5. The theme is "Escape the Everywhere". More information will follow closer to the date.

Regards,
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Classroom Teachers