

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back. During T4 we will be encouraging independence and punctuality. Now that the students have settled into the morning routine, it would be appreciated if parents could support us in the morning by keeping farewells brief. This will enable all students to follow the morning agenda instructions without distraction and engage in their before school tasks independently.

Any students who arrive after the siren at 8.40am need to go to the office to get a late slip.

Our main theme is Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories. This topic will be integrated throughout the curriculum.

As we have completed the topic of Money we will now be going back to using Dojo's as our reward system.

## LITERACY

Reading/Viewing: The students will continue to be exposed to written and visual texts where they will build on their sight vocabulary, word attack skills, comprehension, fluency, expression, analysis of characters' actions and main events.

We will also focus on summarising and paraphrasing.

Talk4Writing: We will be focussing on Poetry, Fiction (Narratives) and non-Fiction (Procedures) texts. Students will continue to build on their skills to reread and edit their own and others text for spelling, sentence punctuation and text structure.

Speaking and Listening: Students will continue to interact in pairs, groups and class discussions. Active listening skills will be reinforced and modelled. *Please refer to the news topics sheet that is attached to this newsletter.*

Spelling using Sound Waves: Each Monday your child will get a new list of words. Please encourage your child to practise writing out these words each night using the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check method. You can also ask your child to read the words to you and talk about the meaning and/or put them into a meaningful sentence. NB: Friday is assessment.

## NUMERACY

Some of the topics include:

Number & Algebra: Odd and Even Numbers, Mental Computations

Statistics & Probability: Sorting, interpreting, collecting and representing data on a graph.

Measurement & Geometry: Continuing using Bee Bots to show how to give and follow directions and Problem Solving.

Working Mathematically: Using materials and diagrams to model word problems and developing strategies that could be used for representing and solving problems.

As part of their homework students are encouraged to complete their Mathletics tasks, which are set by the class teachers.

## CHANGES TO HOMEWORK

During T4 we will be asking each student to change their own reading book every Friday (prior to the following week) and Wednesday and record the title of the book in their own homework folder. Each Monday students will also be required to place their new spelling list into their homework folder. As we are encouraging independence this term they will have a greater part in keeping the homework folder updated. If for any reason your child is away, please speak to the class teacher.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR TERM FOUR

Week 1 EduDance commences. B4 have their session on Tuesdays.

Week 4 B4 & C1 Assembly, 1 November @ 8.45am

Week 6 Cyber Safety Night (5.45 to 6.45pm) and Learning Journey (6.45 to 8.00pm), 15 November  
Roar and Snore 17 & 18 November

Week 7 B4 Canteen Roster Friday 24 November

Week 8 Colour Run 1 December

Week 9 Edu Dance Concert/Reports go home

Week 10 End of Term Activities

Kind Regards, Ms Bambaci & Ms Wheatley

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