

Year 3 & 4 Term 4 News

Welcome back to term 4. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are now refreshed and ready for the biggest and longest term of the year, where we race to the finish line to achieve all our learning and personal goals for 2017. Of course, once the term ends, it's not the end of learning. We are 'life- long' learners. Our children's minds expand with new knowledge every moment of their lives and we too develop further knowledge from them and the world around us. Learning never stops! We are always making new connections.

Please take every opportunity to join us on all our school events and be a part of your child's journey through school. We are always in need of parent helpers (particularly males for excursion and events) so if you haven't thought of getting a Working With Children's Check, now's the time. It's a very simple process and once you have placed the paper work in, you are free to help us out. Below is the link for you to investigate detailing the application process, questions and forms to fill in. Please consider it.

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Major events that you can be involved in this term:

5 Week Tennis program at Heritage Tennis Club

We need a parent helper or two for each class to walk to and from the Tennis club and assist.

Each class will leave approximately 20mins before their scheduled lesson time. The lessons begin Friday the 20th of October (week 2) through to Friday the 17th of November (week 6).

If you are free on any one of those Fridays and have that all important Working With Children Check card please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. If you can't commit to all 5 sessions, no problems. Just come for one!

3 / 4 HP 9.15 am – 10.00 am
3 / 4 HM 10.00 am – 10.45 am
3 / 4 DP 11.40 am – 12.25 pm
3 / 4 SO 12.25 pm – 1.10 pm

Nazareth Taster Day

Our Year 4 students have been invited to spend a day at Nazareth to participate in a fun 'daily life' of a Secondary school student on Monday the 30th of October.

The activities on the day will range from Dance, Art and Textiles to Science, Food and Wood Tech. In the past, students have had the opportunity to make a pencil box, tie-dye bags and chocolate truffles.

We require a couple of parents to walk with us in the morning to Nazareth and back in the afternoon to spend a day 'learning' with their child about Nazareth College. What better opportunity could you have to learn more about the school?

Melbourne Museum

On Wednesday the 1st of November, the Year 3/4s will be going to the Melbourne Museum in Carlton to visit the 'Places and Culture: Bunjilaka' exhibition and 'Melbourne Story'.

We require a minimum of 8 parent helpers for a big day out browsing through our Museum and making new discoveries. It is vital that we have at least 8 parent helpers otherwise the excursion can't go ahead. Since we are in a public place, we would appreciate some male helpers too.

All notifications about these 3 excursions will be outlined to you through Care Monkey.

Special Event: Grandparent's Day

On Monday the 23rd of October, we are celebrating Grandparent's Day. We will be having a special assembly to remember these important family members and give them a blessing, share artwork and stories. The leadership team will then take them on a tour of the school where they will be in awe of how classrooms and learning has changed since they were at school.

Finally, we would like to share a morning tea with them in our Nook.

Snapshot of our Learning this term:

Literacy - To make connections with the books we read and infer the author's meaning; reading between the lines. We will investigate the great Australian poets and discover more about the classic written by Banjo Patterson, 'Waltzing Matilda' and what his ballad was telling us between the lines.

Writing - Writing to Entertain. Using our knowledge learnt about poetry, the students will be writing their own collection of poems from the simple two line poem called the Couplet, through to Autobiographical Poems and rhyming raps.

Maths - We begin with a recap on place value of numbers up to the tens of thousands and cover several units on Measurement & Geometry: measuring mass, measuring volume, measuring capacity, identifying angles and classifying them as acute, right, obtuse, straight or reflex. Individual students have their own learning plan within our curriculum.

It's a fantastic term to explore together and apply your child's knowledge of measurement to cooking, gardening or even shopping.

Measure while you cook or bake. Fill measuring cups with water or flour and measuring spoons with extract amounts to introduce your kids to the concept of whole numbers and fractions. Ask questions such as "Can you fill a half cup? Can you fill one teaspoon?"

Guess weight at the supermarket. The next time you visit the supermarket, pull two different items from the shelves and ask your child which one is heavier: "Is it the can

of soup or the box of crackers?" Children will learn how to understand the concepts of heavy and light.

You can also have them use the supermarket scales in the fruit and veg section to measure how much 2 bananas weigh, or how many bananas can be bought for 1kg?

Inquiry - We continue our unit on the history and geography of Australia. There is still so much to learn from explorers to immigration, characteristics of our vast country and comparing climates.

As we explore history this term we will also focus on the history of the Jewish people in the Old Testament and on Jesus and his disciples in the New Testament. We will be taking a more in-depth exploration of the Bible and the characters in the scripture stories and make modern day connections with them. The students will be learning how to locate scripture stories by chapter and verses and reflect on how these stories have made an impact on our Church and the lives of people of faith.

Finally, be an active learner this term with your child and tell them that you want to learn from them (they'll love that). Have them teach you about what they learnt at school each day and ask them, "Can you teach me about ... poetry, how to measure water in a measuring jug, what the climate is like in the Northern Territory ...?"

Remember you can contact us by dropping into the classroom or emailing us. We are more than happy to keep the 'doors of communication open' and maintain a partnership on your child's development.

Regards,
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