

# YEAR FOUR 2018

## Grade Overview



## Welcome to Year 4!

The Year Four teachers are Mrs Hakim (4 Blue), Miss Mikhael (4 Gold). We look forward to working with your children this year.

We are happy to answer your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion with us, please make an appointment by sending us a note, asking us to arrange a time or contacting the office.

### Save the Date!

#### Library Friday

Year 4's borrowing and returns day is on Friday. Students are encouraged to borrow regularly.

#### Sport

Tue/Thur

Students wear their full sports uniform on Tuesday and Thursday.

#### Homework Due Friday

Digital Homework is on Google Classroom and a paper copy will be handed out on Monday if needed.



# Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

## Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Lent: Practices and Promises. The students will study the Gospel reading 'The Widow's Offering' and explore its themes of faith and spiritual discernment in relation to the Season of Lent.

Our second topic for this term is Exodus. In this unit the children study the story of Exodus and seek to develop their understanding of the meaning of Jesus sharing bread and wine at the Last Supper.

The third topic will be Easter Season: New Life, this unit focuses on the concept of acceptance, peace and inspiration.

Throughout the term we will have many opportunities to learn formal prayers and participate in prayer services in class.

## English

This year we will encourage everyone to read as much as possible. Everyone in Year 4 will participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. The children will be reading a variety of texts throughout the year. We encourage the children to read each day and every night. They are expected to borrow a new book from our school library, each time they finish reading a book.

Our writing focus this term will be on imaginative and informative texts. Students will learn the language and grammar features required to achieve these purposes. Students are encouraged to make precise language choices and widen their vocabulary.

In spelling, each term students will receive a weekly list of words. These words will form part of the students spelling homework. Students will also learn formal spelling rules as well as technical vocabulary related to the topics covered throughout the term.





## Mathematics

During Mathematics, we will focus on place value, the use of numbers in real-life situations and number patterns. We will also focus on using mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division, and fractions and decimals.

This term we will also focus on angles and data.



## Geography

Our topic this term is Earth's Environments. We will focus on natural landforms that make up our unique Australian environment and other environments around the world. Our emphasis for this topic will be on sustainability and environmental conservation. The children will have an opportunity to independently research environments this term. Our Excursion will be to Wattamolla to experience their Earth's Environment Program that has a Geography focus aligned with our unit of work.

## Creative Arts

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will explore themes that relate to our learning in PD/H/PE and Science and Geography.

We will create artworks that allow the students to explore and reflect upon themselves.

We will also create work inspired by Aboriginal art and early Australian artists.

The children will continue to have Creative Arts Lessons lessons with Mrs Melissa Laus on a Tuesday.



## Personal Development, Health and Physical Education



Our Personal Development and Health unit is called 'Social and Emotional Learning'. In this unit the students will focus on learning about themselves and their values, reflecting on successes, making goals for 2018 and looking at ways to achieve these goals.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Nicholas Jones on a Tuesday. We will also have sport sessions on a Thursday in which we will focus on developing the skill of skipping and dodging.

## General Information

Our sports days will be Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework is distributed on Monday and returned on Friday. It consists of nightly reading, a reading summary or response, a spelling activity based on words the student needs to learn, a revision of the spelling rule learnt in class and a Mathematics activity or English activity related to Stage 2 outcomes.

