



YEAR FOUR

TERM OVERVIEW

IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

Term 1 Commences
Monday 30th January

Information Evening
Monday 13th February

Team Building Incurion
Wednesday 22nd February

District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 23rd February

Year 4 Camp at Arrabri Lodge
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd
March

Health Education Sessions
Thursday 9th, Thursday 16th,
Thursday 23rd

Labour Day
Monday 13th March

School Photo Day
Thursday 30th March

Term 1 Concludes
Thursday 6th April at 2:30pm

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a wonderful break and are as ready and keen as we all are for the year ahead.

INQUIRY UNIT:

This term our Inquiry unit is all about 'Our Changing Relationships'. These are the key questions that guide our inquiry:

What choices can I make to enhance my wellbeing?

How do we develop positive relationships?

How can we resolve conflict?

Students will discuss emotions and the way in which they perceive themselves and others. They will explore areas of friendship, how to be a good friend, how to develop and maintain friendships and the rewards to be reaped by being a good friend. We also spend time on conflict resolution and how we can make a difference in the ways that we interact with people in our lives.

The Year 4 students will participate in a Health Education Program. The first session will look at differences and similarities in families. The second session looks at body parts and functions. The final session is an age appropriate look at reproduction.

LITERACY FOCUS:

We are continuing the SMART spelling program which runs at every Year Level of Gardenvale Primary School and the students will be familiar with the program from their experience in Year 3.

In Year 4 the students continue learning the CAFÉ reading strategies which focus on comprehension, analysis/application, fluency and expanding vocabulary.

During this term Narrative writing is our focus and we use the 7 Steps program to support the development of students' story writing. We will use the VCOP program to support the teaching of punctuation, grammar and vocabulary development. Handwriting is also an important subject in Year 4 as the students strive to attain their pen licence – until then, it is definitely pencil only!

NUMERACY FOCUS:

Our Mathematics focus for this term includes understanding numbers up to hundreds of thousands, place value, mental computations and, of course, we strongly encourage every child to practise their multiplication tables.

The students complete pre and post assessments to help us guide the planning and targeting of teaching and learning. It also enables students to see their own progress in these areas.