



# YEAR FOUR

## **IMPORTANT TERM DATES:**

**Term 1 Commences**  
Thursday 30th January

**Information Evening**  
Wednesday 12th February  
@ 6:45pm

**Team Building Incurion**  
Wednesday 19th February

**Pastoral Care Interviews**  
Week beginning 17th Feb

**District Swimming Carnival**  
Thursday 20th February

**Year 4 Camp at Oasis**  
Monday 3rd - 5th March

**Labour Day**  
Monday 10th March

**Health Education Sessions**  
Thursday 13th, 20th & 27th  
March

**School Photos**  
Monday 31st March

**Term 1 Concludes**  
Friday, 4th April  
@ 2:30pm

## **TERM OVERVIEW**

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 focuses on a different letter pattern each week. Students will practise their personal list at home and for homework. A weekly test and dictation will be held on Friday.

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.