



**Grade 4/5 Learning Community
Curriculum Newsletter
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The Grade 4/5 students have returned to school this term full of enthusiasm for learning, and very excited about the Oasis Camp in August! This newsletter contains information about the content of classroom programs in Term 3.

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Reminders:

Grade 4/5 Camp: The Grade 4/5 Camp is fast approaching; we will be attending the Oasis Camp in Mount Evelyn from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th of August. Further information about the camp will be sent home in the coming weeks for the students that are attending, including those that require medication on camp. We will also have student meetings at school to provide them with further information. Please organise all items required for the camp, including sleeping bags and suitcases. If you have any questions about the camp, please contact your child's class teacher.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program: In Term 3 students will take part in both Kitchen and Garden sessions. The term roster has been sent home with dates and times for our sessions with Trish and Stella.

Classroom Cuisine: Lunch orders are available on Mondays and Wednesdays <https://classroomcuisine.com.au>

Reading:

In Term 3, the 4/5 students will make connections between fictional texts, considering the ways in which different authors represent similar storylines and ideas. We will develop our deeper level thinking skills by analysing and critiquing poetry. We will look at how authors construct interesting and descriptive pieces of writing, as well as forming our own opinions about poems based on devices such as rhythm, alliteration, similes and personification. The 4/5s will also summarise and synthesise the information in non-fiction texts related to our Inquiry topic, Planet Earth.

Writing:

This term in Writing we will focus on poetry and explanation texts. We will study parts of speech (nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs) and use descriptive vocabulary in our texts (including synonyms and antonyms). Students will work to include a variety of sentence types in their writing (simple, compound and complex). The 4/5 students will develop their spelling skills by learning more about letter sound relationships, letter patterns and homophones. We will revise our writing to improve it, ensuring our writing flows, makes sense and contains adequate detail.

Mathematics:

The 4/5 students will continue making connections between the four operations this term. We will focus on the links between division, multiplication and times tables. Students will use visual, mental and written strategies to solve division problems. We will keep practising our automatic response to times tables questions. We will also work with fractions and decimals (equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions). We will learn about the connections between units of time (e.g. seconds, minutes, hours, days) and solve problems involving elapsed time.

Inquiry:

Our unit of inquiry this term is 'Planet Earth'. We will conduct scientific investigations into changes to the earth, both natural and caused by human activity. We will gather information about earth through the following questions:

- What effects does the rotation of earth have on its surface?
- How has the earth's surface changed over time?
- What causes changes to the earth's surface?

Homework:

- Students are expected to **read** for at least 20 minutes every night.
- Students need to record their reading homework on Seesaw.
- Please look out for a message in Seesaw from your child's class teacher regarding the Reading Homework.

Key Dates:

Wed 21/7 – AGPS Athletics Carnival

Thurs 29/7 – Special Subway Lunch

Wed 4/8 - Fri 6/8 – Grade 4/5 Oasis Camp

Mon 9/8 – Book Week Incursion

Mon 16/8 - 20/8 – Book Week

Wed 1/9 & Thurs 2/9 – Fathers' & Special Person's Day Stall

Fri 3/9 – Fathers' & Special Person's Day Event and Pie Lunch

Thurs 16/9 – School Disco

Fri 17/9 – Last day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish