

LEVEL NEWSLETTER

2026 Term Four		<u>BIRTHDAYS</u> October 15th Charlie Baulch 18th Keshara Gunasena 19th David Oh 19th Markiian Melnykov November 14th Aston Tran 15th Mia Pickering 28th Tegh Kapoor December 6th Liam Olarte 6th Matt Olarte 15th Daniel Pierdomenico 15th Ethan Trieu 29th Sienna Bidese
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Specialist Classes	MONDAY	STEM
	TUESDAY	4D- Library
	WEDNESDAY	4D - Auslan 4L- PE
	THURSDAY	4D - Art, Performing Arts, PE 4L - Auslan, Art, Performing Arts, Library Year Level Sport



	FRIDAY	
RELIGION 	Mary MacKillop: Fire, Faith and Justice This term, Year 4 will learn about the life of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint. Students will explore how she responded to the needs of her time by founding the Sisters of St Joseph, opening schools for poor and disadvantaged children across the country. They'll discover the courage and trust she showed even through hardship and misunderstanding, and make connections between her story and the qualities of well-known figures from scripture. The unit finishes with students reflecting on how Mary MacKillop's legacy continues today, and identifying a quality of her life they'd like to live out themselves. The Holy Family: Meeting Mary, Joseph and Jesus in Their World This term, Year 4 will step into the world of the Holy Family, exploring what life was like for Mary, Joseph and the young Jesus in first-century Nazareth and Bethlehem. Through stories such as the Annunciation, the Nativity and the Finding in the Temple, students will investigate the relationship between God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and come to understand Mary and Joseph's faith and trust in God's call. As the year draws to a close, students will reflect on how the Holy Family's story of hope amid hardship speaks to their own experience of family.	
SPELLING   PhOrMeS Recording: Morphology & Etymology Workshop	We are continuing with the PhOrMeS spelling program, which helps students develop a deep understanding of word meanings. This knowledge enhances their ability to comprehend both spoken and written language at a high level while also supporting the use of mature vocabulary in their writing. A key focus will be Morphology, the study of word structure and morphemes (the smallest units of meaning). Students will learn the fundamental patterns of meaning in English—such as prefixes, base words, root words, and suffixes—enabling them to predict the meanings of unfamiliar words with greater accuracy. Week 1- Greek: Astro-Aster, Latin: Aqua Weeks 2-5- Latin: Tain-Ten-Tin-Tinu Week 5- Latin: Sect Weeks 6-9- Latin: Mit-Miss-Mise Week 9- Latin: Scope Week 10-11- Greek: Graph-Gram	

LITERACY

(Reading/Writing)



Leo and Ralph

This term, our students will be exploring the novel *Leo and Ralph* by Peter Carnavas, a heartwarming story about friendship, growing up, and embracing what makes us different. The novel follows Leo, a boy who struggles to make friends until Ralph, his imaginary friend, arrives from one of Jupiter's moons. When Leo's family moves to a small country town, he must navigate the challenge of letting go of Ralph to build real friendships of his own. Through Leo's journey, students will delve into themes such as loneliness, belonging, and celebrating individuality.

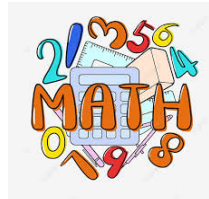
By the end of this unit students will demonstrate the following reading and writing skills:

- Developing reading fluency and comprehension
- Summarising main ideas
- Inferring character traits through dialogue and actions
- Analysing how the author uses language and illustrations to develop character, setting, and tension
- Experimenting with figurative language, such as similes, to describe characters and settings

Narrative writing skills such as:

- Planning and writing character and setting introductions
- Structuring action, problem, resolution, and conclusion paragraphs
- Using descriptive language, dialogue, and text connectives to engage the reader

MATHEMATICS



The mathematical topics that the Year Four's will be covering this term are:

Topic	Unit Objective	Key Ideas
Location	Position, direction, orientation	Objects have a position in 2D space which can be changed and recorded.
Data investigation	Data can be represented in different ways to help enhance meaning.	Classification, variation, expectation, distribution, informal inference
3D Objects	2D shapes and 3D objects have properties that can be measured and compared.	Features, properties, classification, orientation, point of view
Probability	Events can be classified according to how likely they are to occur.	Probability, randomness, fairness, bias, independent event, dependent event
Multiplication & division 3	Quantities can be shared and grouped into equal groups.	Equal groups, composite units, properties of multiplication, division with a remainder, properties of division
Mass & capacity	Attributes of an object can be measured using formal metric units.	Attribute, comparison, unit of measure, conservation, equivalence, conversion

KNOWLEDGE BASED/ INQUIRY



Investigating Matter

This term, our students will be exploring the unit Investigating Matter in Science — an engaging unit that has students questioning what everything around us, seen and unseen, is really made of. Across the unit, students will discover that all matter is made up of tiny particles, investigate the three states of matter (solids, liquids and gases), and explore how heating and cooling can cause matter to change state. Through hands-on investigations, students will examine physical and chemical changes, learn how mixtures and solutions are formed, and build an understanding that matter is conserved even as its form changes.

By the end of this unit students will demonstrate the following skills:

- Identifying and describing the properties of matter, including colour, hardness, conductivity and magnetism
- Comparing the three states of matter and explaining changes of state
- Modelling how matter is made up of particles too small to see
- Distinguishing between physical and chemical changes using observations as evidence

BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM



PBL

This term we continue to introduce our new Behaviour Matrix, which focuses on our 3 values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



Term 4 Dates

October

Mon 5 **All students resume**

Wed 7 Division Athletics

Thu 15 Division Basketball

Fri 16 Division T20 Cricket

Fri 16 1/2 Camp Day

Thu 22 EMR Athletics

Thu 22 Prep transition session 1, 9-10:30am

Wed 28 Prep 2027 Information Night, 7-8pm

Thu 29 Prep transition session 2, 9-10:30am & 1:45-2:45pm

	Fri 30	World Teacher's Day
	November	
	Mon 2	School Closure Day
	Tue 3	Melbourne Cup Day
	Thu 5	Prep Excursion
	Tue 10	Prep transition session 3, 9-10:30am
	Wed 11	Remembrance Day
	Thu 12	Visual Art Showcase (Around the World), 5-7pm
	Fri 13	School Closure Day
	Thu 19	Prep transition session 4, 9-10:30am & 1:45-2:45pm
	Fri 20	Year 6 District Fun Day
	Thu 26	Prep transition session 5: 1-3pm
	Fri 27	School Closure Day
	Mon 30	Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program begins
	December	
	Thu 3	Christmas Carols 5:30-7:30pm
	Wed 9	Year 6 Graduation
	Fri 11	Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program concludes
	Tue 15	End of Year Celebration Mass 9:30-10:30am
	Wed 16	End of Year Assembly 11:30-1pm
	Wed 16	Term 4 Concludes 1pm