**Level 4 Newsletter Term 2, 2021**

*Welcome to our term 2 newsletter, you will find information about many of the activities that are happening in Level 4.*

***Communication Book and Homework***

*We are pleased that the Communication Book has become such a great way to keep in touch with you. The children are keen to practise the words in their spelling lists and it is a quick way to send information home about our projects and what we are currently learning in Maths. Please encourage your child to write something about what is being read at home in the space provided. There is also space for you to sign to show you have been listening to some reading, helping with learning spelling words and any other research or tasks given. Communication books should travel in the Tartan bags and must be at school every day.*

*If you’re looking for additional homework activities your child has his or her own personal login to* [*www.mathletics.com.au*](http://www.mathletics.com.au) *as well as* [*www.readingeggs.com.au*](http://www.readingeggs.com.au) *and many children are already working through activities on this site at home.*

***Spelling***

*For spelling this year, we are focussing on spelling patterns in words and strategies for spelling using the THRASS program. The students are focussing on sounds in words and the spelling options that occur with these. For example, in the Consonant sounds ‘b’ as in bird ‘with different spelling choices ‘b or bb’ and then the less traditional spelling patterns for that sound that fall in the \* category. We will focus on a different* ***consonant*** *sound box each week and will be assessing the students understanding of these sounds with a spelling test. We value your support with this by talking to your child about the sound they are focussing on and even brainstorming words with them, possibly over dinner or on a drive.*

***Inquiry / Integrated Studies Topic –*** **Smooth Moves -STEM**

*Term 2 will bring another whole school wide focused unit of work, and for this year, all levels will participate and discover learnings in a STEM field. STEM is short for the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Level 4 will focus on the science of Forces and Friction and how these make things around us move. Later this term the children will be using some of their teamwork and STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) when they design and construct a maze and code a sphero robot to drive through it. Students will also go to Scienceworks where they will work in groups to meet a design challenge of building a marble roller coaster to observe the physics of energy, force and inertia.*

*Later half of the term children will be engaged in the topic of Day and Night and enjoy the Starlab mobile dome experience to further explore this unit of study.*

***iPads – BYOD program***

*Level 4 is using iPads in many areas of the curriculum. It would be great to have all students with their own set of headphones stored at school. We hope that parents have logged onto the parent app Seesaw and have been enjoying following all the posts their child and teacher are putting in their Seesaw Journal. It’s a great way to reflect with your child on some of their learning. Most apps like Pic Collage, Explain Everything, Book creator, Popplet, A+ spelling, iMovie and Dictionary are often used.* ***Parents need to make sure they put their own constraints and rules around the use of any iPad apps in their home environment****. At all times the safe use of digital technologies and internet is expected at school.*

***Year 4 Camp – Weekaway***

*Next term the Level 4‘s will be heading away for 2 nights for their first experience on a school camp. The dates are Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th August. The first note has been sent. There will be lots more information coming home at the end of the term about clothing to take and medical permissions.*

***Reports and Portfolios***

*This term is a very busy one for assessment and reporting of your child’s progress. Children are working on tasks that will mostly be assessed and collated in a portfolio booklet. There will be a report sent home to parents towards the end of the term to be looked at in conjunction with the portfolios followed by student led conferences. Remember that specialist teachers will be putting portfolio pieces on Seesaw so please have a look.*

***Dates for your Calendar:***

*7th May- Mother’s Day Stall*

*10th May- District Cross Country*

*11th May-Scienceworks Excursion*

19th May - Cyber Safety Project incursion

*24th May –EDUCATION WEEK*

*31st May-Whole School RRRR and e-Smart Celebration Day*

*8th June- Star Lab Incursion*

*14th June-Queen’s Birthday*

*22th and 24th June-Student Led Conferences*

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