



THORNLANDS STATE SCHOOL

Growing The Whole Child

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4A – Amazing Authentic Adventurous

Welcome to Year 4 2022!

I hope all parents enjoyed a great Christmas break with their children, stayed healthy and are now well and truly ready to get back into the swing of daily school life.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say hello and welcome you to the 4A family! Thornlands has a very exciting Grade 4 program that is sure to motivate and encourage your child to learn and thrive. My hope for your child will be the same as yours, to have a fun year, make great friendships, learn new and exciting things and enjoy each and every day.

Congratulations (and thank you) on the way many of you have prepared your children for the challenges ahead this school year, with all students arriving with the stationery requirements and a positive attitude to make this a very successful year. In Year 4, alongside lots of fun, your children will be encouraged to take ownership of their learning and celebrate their own personal success.

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."

Important Days to Remember Term 1, 2022

Monday: Assembly

Tuesday: PE with Mr Lovell

Wednesday: Mandarin with Miss Lee

Thursday: Mandarin with Miss Lee

Friday: Homework due, Music with Mrs Connor

Note: Homework will not commence until Week 3, more information to follow.

The 2022 Year 4 teaching team:

4A Mrs Amanda Conway

4GC Mrs Lisa Griffiths (M-W)
Mrs Claire Chester (Th-Fr)

4L Mr Benn Lovell
Mrs Fran Moore (Tues)

4R Mrs Linda Roma

SEP Support – Miss Jess Ferguson

Teacher Aide – Mrs Kim Hartley this year consists

Each week on Friday, students will rotate and be taught by all four, Year 4 teachers. This enables all students to learn from teachers who are passionate about the subject they're teaching and also provides students the ability to build relationships with multiple teachers. A skill that is required as they head into the upper school and beyond.

From the Classroom

English – Students will read Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. They will examine and analyse language features and techniques used by the author to entertain and engage the reader. The students will then write a new chapter or "trick" for the narrative.

Maths – The term will begin with a big focus on place value and general number understanding, chance events and basic fractions. Students will also explore equivalence in number sentences before moving onto exploring time and length. Number facts, operations and problem solving will be a core focus of the math curriculum each week.

Science - In Science this term, students will explore natural processes and human activities that cause

weathering and erosion of the Earth's surface. They will complete investigations in order to identify different features of rocks, soil, weathering and erosion.

HASS (History/Civics and Citizenship) - Students will begin the year learning the difference between rules and laws. They will learn why laws are important and how they can affect people's lives. From there students delve into European exploration and early Australian settlement. Within this unit we will also be learning about Australia's First People's - how they cared for the land, their connections to the land and the impact of the European settlement on their way of life.

Digital Technology/Design Technology - Early in the term, the students will be participating in Digital Technology lessons covering basic word processing, internet and emailing skills. Towards the end of the term and into Term 2, the students will be designing and building an erosion model to consolidate their understanding of our erosion investigations in science.

The Arts – Students will be participating in a myriad of Arts based activities; with our focus piece for Term 1 being a visual arts piece of a charcoal First Fleet ship, linking to our HASS unit.

Before and After School Routine

The first bell for the day rings at 8:45am. To ensure that your child is accounted for on the roll, it is imperative your child is present in the classroom by 8:50am. If students arrive after the roll has been marked they will need a late slip from the office. We ask that before school, students go directly to 'A' Block where they will be supervised until the first bell rings. Students are not permitted to place their bags or wait at the classrooms before the first bell. Upon the bell ringing, students will be dismissed from A block where they can then make their way to the classroom to commence the day and be marked off on the roll. Students are encouraged not to arrive at school before 8:30am as there is no supervision before this time.

Brain Break

Students are free to bring in a healthy snack to eat before first break. Whilst we won't specifically stop learning time for brain break, students will be given an opportunity to eat it if they choose. The snack should therefore be something small and easy to eat such as fruit or vegetable pieces able to be consumed in 2-3 minutes with minimal mess.

ANAPHYLAXIS

Please be aware that in 4A we have a student who has nut and egg allergies. If possible, please refrain from sending these items in your child's lunchbox or talk to your child about the importance of taking care with these items.

Communication

Each week you will receive an email containing a 'snapshot'. The snapshot will provide a sneak peak into the learning happening in 4A which will help promote oral discussions with your child. The snapshot will also contain information or reminders about upcoming events.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email me and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that if you have an urgent message, contact the office as I do not actively check emails whilst teaching.

Important Dates

Fri 11th February – Swimming Carnival **Postponed**

Wed 30th March – School Cross Country

Fri 1st April – Last day of Term 1

Once again "Welcome" and I am looking forward to working together to make 2022 a year your child will never forget!

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