



4GC Term One Newsletter

Welcome back to school! Your 4GC teachers this year are **Mrs Lisa Griffiths** (Monday to Wednesday) and **Mrs Claire Chester** (Thursday and Friday). After the prolonged break and delayed start, we are extra ready for an exciting and excellent 2022!

We have started our school year by organising our belongings, getting to know each other, introducing the curriculum and discussing our expectations around building a supportive and respectful 'class family'. Students are learning about neuroplasticity and Growth Mindsets. We encourage them to make mistakes and embrace challenges this year ('it's ok not to know but it's not ok not to try'). We have talked about the importance of having a go and the power of **yet** (*I don't know how to do this yet*).

2022 Year 4 Teachers:

4GC - Lisa Griffiths / Claire Chester
4L - Ben Lovell / Fran Moore
4R - Linda Roma
4C - Amanda Conway
SEP - Jessica Ferguson

Teacher Aides
- Kim Hartley
and Nikki Duggan



Important Dates:

- * Monday 14/2 - Swimming notes and money due
- * Wednesday 30/2 - Cross Country
- * 9 to 11 May - Year 4 Burleigh Heads Camp

WHAT ARE YEAR 4 STUDENTS LEARNING THIS TERM?

ENGLISH

Students will read and analyse *The Twits* (Roald Dahl). They create an imaginative and descriptive new chapter for the narrative for their peers to enjoy.

Students will complete an independent Big Write - focusing on Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation - each week. They will receive feedback and goals to encourage constant progress.

We will also continue to focus on other literacy skills.

MATHS

Students learn to partition and combine numbers; recall multiplication facts; model and record operations and compare large numbers. They also work with fractions and decimals and use units of measurement for recording time and length. Students compare dependent and independent events and describe the probabilities of events. They collect and record data and use graphs. Students also work on their problem solving skills.

A confident recall of number facts will enable greater progress this year.

HASS (Mrs Conway)

Students investigate Australian settlement. They describe the experiences of James Cook in the past and explain how and why life changed for people who were convicts on the First Fleet.

SCIENCE (Mr Lovell)

Students describe the natural processes and human activity that cause changes to Earth's surface. Students plan an investigation of the erosion process and formulate control strategies in real-life situations.

TECHNOLOGY (Mrs Roma)

Students learn technology and digital technology skills. They then design a 3D model of erosion.

THE ARTS (Mrs Chester)

Students explore the different art elements. They create a charcoal drawing of a First Fleet ship.



At Thornlands State School
we aim for:

**Making
Our
Results
Excellent**

every student reaching their full potential

Who's here to help?

Guidance Officer
Sonia Stevens

Deputy Principal
Years 3 to 6
Kristy Warriner

Principal
Robyn Wilton

DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

4GC Specialist Lessons
Chinese - Tuesday and Wednesday
Music - Thursday
P.E. (Swimming) - Tuesday
Please note that, due to COVID-19, for the time being there is no Parade on Monday afternoons

Please check with your child that they have all of their stationery needs for this term.



Other Bits and Pieces:

- **Homework will be set every Monday and is due before the following Monday.** Homework will be levelled work assigned on Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Students will also have spelling words to learn using LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK for a test on THURSDAY. Occasionally students may be given other tasks e.g. research / publishing / assignments to complete. Homework is intended to be a consolidation of familiar curriculum content. Please advise if your child is requiring significant assistance or experiencing difficulties in completing homework or accessing the online programs. **Homework will begin in Week 2.** Students would also benefit from practising number facts (1 x 12 to 12 x 12) regularly and are encouraged to read as often as possible.
- All students will start the year on a Silver Behaviour Level as per the school's Code of Conduct. Students who receive timeout will be moved down a level (Bronze) and will have to earn their way up by demonstrating the appropriate behaviours. Parents will be notified if a major incident occurs. Students who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviour and active, on-task learning, meeting set criteria, will be able to move up to Gold. A note about our classroom behaviour plan will be sent home this week.

Communication

Please don't hesitate to contact us via email if you have any questions or concerns during the term.

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We will attempt to respond as soon as possible (please allow 48 hours). The Office can be contacted for urgent messages.

Rules at Thornlands State School -

As a Learner I will:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible



Have a wonderful Term 1, 2022! Thank you for your patience as we all navigate the changes and challenges that COVID-19 brings. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a successful and enjoyable year.

Stay safe,

Lisa Griffiths and Claire Chester