

# GRADE 4 NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4, 2009

### English

In English during Term 4 our focuses will include:

#### *Reading:*

- exposing students to a wide range of fiction and non fiction texts
- developing comprehension skills during guided reading, particularly recalling facts and details, making inferences and drawing conclusions, and interpreting figurative language.

#### *Writing:*

- composing recounts, narratives and persuasive texts.
- editing personal writing by re-reading work to ensure that sense is maintained and punctuation is used correctly.
- using talking marks, clauses, homographs, regular and irregular tenses of verbs and conjunctions.
- studying spelling rules such as: 'igh' = i, 'aigh' and 'eigh' = a. We will also look at final blends, such as, 'lt', 'mp,' and 'nd'.

#### *Speaking and Listening:*

- developing speaking and listening skills by asking and answering questions and following directions.

### Maths

In Maths during Term 4 our focuses will include:

#### *Number:*

- revision of addition and subtraction (including trading).
- revision of 3 digit division with 1 digit divisor.
- solving 2 and 3 digit by 1 digit multiplication.
- solving number problems, involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- adding and multiplying decimals.
- establishing rules and continuing counting patterns.

#### *Measurement, Chance and Data:*

- Identify all possible outcomes of a chance event.
- revising measurement of length, perimeter and area.
- conducting survey and present data in tables.
- revising drawing and measuring angles.

#### *Space:*

- drawing and interpreting maps
- identifying lines of symmetry and completing tessellations.

### Integrated Curriculum

Our Integrated Unit this term is titled 'From Producer to Consumer.' Throughout the unit students will explore the differences between needs and wants. Students will be asked to:

- consider the value of money and think about how to save money.
- explore food chains and the method used to make processed foods.
- explore where fresh food comes from and take part in an incursion run by a farmer's market.

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### **You Can Do It Program**

Our You Can Do It lessons this term will focus on resilience and manners. We will encourage students to say please, thank you, excuse me, take turns and not interrupt, and to give and accept apologies. Our lessons will include role playing use of manners and keeping a manners journal.

### **Homework**

**Homework** is given out on a Tuesday (due back on the next Monday). Five star quality work is expected. The homework sheet reflects the work covered in class and should be revision for your child.

**Home reading** is also expected to be completed each night for 10-15 minutes. Please help you child to fill in their reading log book each night and listen to them read.

### **Camp 2010**

Grade 4 students and their families' are asked to start thinking about next year's Grade 5/6 camp to Camp Burnside, Anglesea, from **19<sup>th</sup> April** to **22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Camp is a great opportunity to further your child's academic, physical, social and mental growth and development. More information about Camp Burnside can be found on the website <http://abcamping.com.au/camp-burnside/index.html>

### **Important Dates for Term 4**

**Farmers Market In School Activity**- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Show Day**- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Multicultural Day**- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**School Social**- Tuesday 8<sup>h</sup> December

**Reports Sent Home**- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Meet your new class**- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Class parties**- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December