Welcome to 4F!

My name is Ms Foord and I am the classroom teacher of 4F. 4F is a stage 2 class with 25 students. In our class we have 15 boys and 10 girls. Students are off to an impressive start and are very keen and excited about what we have planned to work on throughout the year.

Units of Work Term 1

In addition to English and Mathematics, 4F will be undertaking the following units of work in Term 1

HSIE: ‘Places Then, Now and Tomorrow’

PDHPE: Sun safety, Life Education and Bike Safety. 4F will also be working on fundamental movement skills, participating in class fitness weekly and learning skills of different team sports.

Creative Arts: Singing, music, drama, sun safety, road safety, life education and visual arts.

Homework

Homework will be handed out to students at the beginning of every week and is due on Friday mornings. Homework will consist of spelling words, times tables and revision of any work they have been completing in class, such as a Literacy or Numeracy activity.

Classroom Reward System

Students are encouraged to follow the school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative to be safe, respectful, responsible learners. Students are awarded in class with Possum Pride tokens, and PBL awards. In 4F, we also use ClassDojo. ClassDojo is a classroom tool that helps teachers maintain expected classroom behaviour quickly and easily. It also captures and generates data on behaviour that parents can look up at home to track their children’s results in class. Students were given a parent/student login to take home last week. If you did not receive the login, please let me know and I will print another one off for you.

Special events for 4F in term 1

- Dance to Fit: 9.40 - 10.20am
- Library: Tuesdays 10-11am
- Music: Fridays 2 - 3pm (Odd weeks)
- RFF: Mondays 10-11am Tuesdays 11.30-12.30pm
- Singing: Thursdays 2-3pm
- Class Fitness: Mondays 12.45pm
- Class Sport: Fridays 12.30pm
- Premier’s Reading Challenge: Starts early March


**EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

No special equipment is required but if students would like to they can bring in the following items for special activities.

- Coloured pencils
- Crayons
- Textas
- Lead pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Tissues
- Hand wash

**Release from Face to Face (RFF)**

Mrs Ellks will replace Ms Foord on Mondays for one hour. During this time Mrs Ellks will work with students on the class Literacy program and helping students develop their skills further in this key learning area.

Ms Daly will replace Ms Foord on Tuesdays for one hour and she will be working with students on the class Numeracy program and implementing and instructing the TENS program.

**Library**

Students have been assigned a class project for HSE where they will be gathering information during their library time and they will be collating this information together later in the term using the PowerPoint program and then present it to the class.

Students will also be encouraged to borrow regularly from the library. These books can also be added to our new Premiers Reading Challenge program that will be introduced in March.

**Mathletics/ABC Reading Eggs**

In 2014, our school has again subscribed to the wonderful ‘Mathletics and “Reading Eggs’ educational programs in order to give our students free access. Both of these programs have proven highly successful in engaging students in the very important skills of learning to read and working mathematically. Your child has been given password access to these programs and is beginning to use them in the classroom. We encourage students (where possible) to access these programs regularly from home in order to enhance their learning. Should you have any queries about ‘Mathletics’ or ‘Reading Eggs’ please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Foord.

4F working in Numeracy groups using concrete materials.

**Contacting the School**

If you have an issue you would like to discuss about your child, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment by phoning 4729 0392, or call in and see your child’s classroom teacher before or after school.