Welcome back to a new school year. The children have settled back into school life very well and we have had a very productive first few days. The teachers in the Year 4 team include, Ms Helen Sterling, Ms Robyn Heeps and Mr Drew Baxter. We would like to thank you all for the great support we have received so far. We are all looking forward to the year ahead and excited about the great activities and events we have planned. So stay tuned!

Our Term 1 History and Science topics include:

Year 4 – Science - Observing the Sun and the Moon

History - Journeys of Discovery, where we will study explorers of the new world up to the late 1700s.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

All grades are involved in the program and will be having a garden and kitchen session weekly. Five volunteers are required for each of the kitchen and garden sessions. The volunteers work with small groups of children helping with the necessary tasks. We must have 5 volunteers per session for the program to operate. This ensures greater enjoyment, increased learning experiences and a safe learning environment. It is best if volunteers commit weekly, but if you can only spare a few weeks that is still greatly appreciated. It is a wonderful learning experience for all and we highly recommend you take the time to become involved. The program will start in week 2 for the students with an introduction sessions with Nadia. In week 3 the program will commence more formally where parent helpers will be required in the program.

Student Diary

Each child will also be given a student diary. These diaries will be used for daily correspondence between home and school. It will also act as a record of your child’s home and school reading. The children must record daily what they have read at home and have it signed by a parent. (Your child will be given 15 minutes silent reading time per day at school).
**Home Reading**

To help promote and encourage a love of reading and provide daily reading practice students will be expected to allocate time for daily home reading.

**Homework**

Each week children will be expected to complete a range of activities from the homework grid. This work can be organized in any way you feel will help your child complete the set tasks successfully over the course of a week. The homework grid is to be signed by parents and returned to school the following Monday.

We will be holding an **Information Night** this year on Tuesday 11th February. There will be **two concurrent sessions 6.00 – 6.45 pm and 7.00 – 7.45pm** providing the same information. You are invited to attend this evening to find out more about the programs and events that will be run this year. You will also receive a comprehensive booklet outlining all relevant information including a brief outline of the curriculum areas covered, daily timetables and our expectations of the children. If you have any questions after reading the booklet, please ask your child’s classroom teacher for clarification.

Each class is now looking for parent **class rep**. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact your teacher asap.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting us,

The Year 4 Team

Helen Sterling, Robyn Heeps and Drew Baxter

**REMINDERS:**

Please send a box of **tissues** and some liquid **soap** (Coles Hand wash Moisturising Aloe Vera 250 ml) to school if you haven’t already.

Each child this year requires a **library bag**.

Each child must have a **Green message folder** available at the uniform shop for $5.00.

Remember a hat must be worn in the months of January, February, March and April.
IMPORTANT DATES:

**February:**
- Tuesday 11th: Information Evening
- Wednesday 19th: Swimming Trials (Grade 4)

**March:**
- Monday 10th: Labour Day holiday
- Friday 21st: Movie Night
- Friday 4th April: Last day of Term 1 (2.30 finish, free dress)

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

I am willing to volunteer to assist with the Kitchen Program (please circle):

Name:_________________________________________ Class:_____________________

Contact Details:________________________________________________________

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