Welcome to Year 4!

The Year Four teachers are Mrs Cox (4 Blue) and Miss Lawrence (4 Gold). We look forward to working with your children this year.

We are happy to answer your questions before or after school. If you require a longer discussion please make an appointment by sending us a note, asking us to arrange a time or contacting the office.

Save the Date!

Library
Friday
Year 4’s borrowing and returns day is on Friday. Students are encouraged to borrow regularly.

Sport
Wednesday/Friday
Students wear their full sports uniform on Wednesday and Friday.

Homework
Due Friday
Homework is handed out on Monday and is due in on Friday.
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Talking and Listening to God. This topic involves the children deepening their relationship with God through prayer. They will have opportunities to pray and learn what prayer means in the life of the Church community.

Our second topic for the term is Lent: Practices and Promises. This topic focuses on exploring the themes of covenant, commandment and law. There is a particular emphasis on the Ten Commandments and the law of love.

Our third topic this term is Exodus. In this unit the children study the story of Exodus and seek to develop their understanding of the meaning of Jesus sharing bread and wine at the Last Supper.

Throughout the term we will have many opportunities to learn formal prayers and participate in prayer services in class.

English

This year we will encourage everyone to read as much as possible. Everyone in Year 4 will participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The children will bring home books throughout the year, which they may need to read to prepare for their next reading session in class.

Our writing focus this term will be on writing to explain and writing to instruct. Students will learn the language and grammar features required to achieve these purposes. Students are encouraged to make precise language choices and widen their vocabulary.

In spelling, each term students will receive a list of words relating to the four areas of spelling knowledge (phonological, visual, morphemic and etymological). These words will form part of the students spelling homework. Students will also learn formal spelling rules, which will also form part of the homework for the following week.
**Mathematics**

During Mathematics in Term One, we will be particularly focussing on understanding and interpreting numbers.

We will focus on place value, the use of numbers in real-life situations and number patterns.

We will also focus on using mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction.

**Human Society and its Environment**

Throughout the term we will be learning about British Colonisation of Australia. In this unit we will focus on Australian history and the impact of colonisation on Indigenous communities across Australia.

**Science and Technology**

As our focus will be on HSIE throughout Term One, our Science and Technology unit will be taught in Term Two. During Two the students will be learning all about light.

**Creative Arts**

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will explore themes that relate to our learning in PD/H/PE and HSIE.

We will create artworks that allow the students to explore and reflect upon themselves.

We will also create work inspired by Aboriginal art and early colonial life.
General Information

Our sports days will be Wednesday and Friday.

Homework is handed out on Monday and returned on Friday. It consists of nightly reading, a reading summary or response, a spelling activity based on words the student needs to learn, a revision of the spelling rule learnt in class and a Mathematics activity related to what we have recently learnt in class.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Our Personal Development and Health unit is called “Me, Myself and I- Year 4 in 2015”. In this unit the students will focus on learning about themselves, reflecting on successes, making goals for 2014 and looking at ways to achieve these goals.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Nicholas Jones. We will also have sport sessions on a Friday in which we will focus on developing the skill of dodging.

Reading books will be sent home throughout the year for the students to prepare for their next class reading session. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are kept safe and returned to school each day for the children’s lessons.