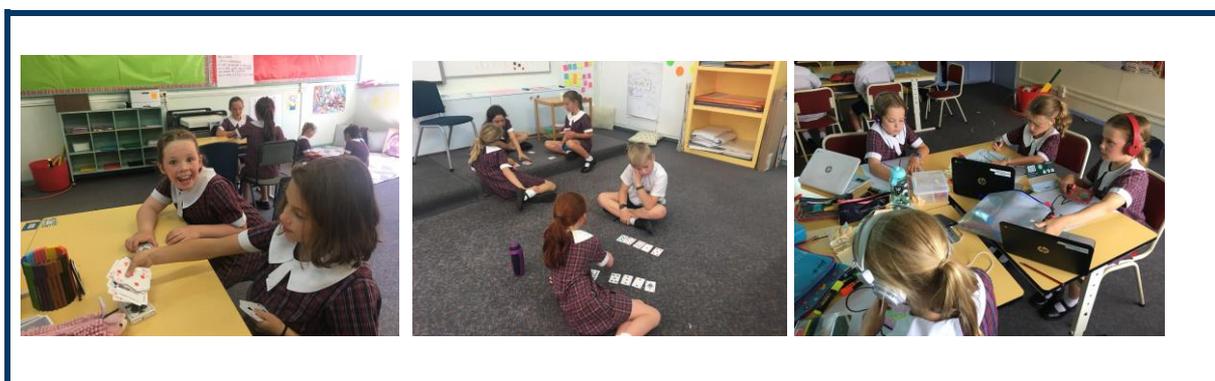


# St James Brighton Primary School



## Year 4



Term 2 2017 Information Booklet

### Welcome Back!

After a short but productive first term we're preparing ourselves for an extremely busy term ahead. With major events such as Bike Ed Camp, it's sure to be a memorable one for the students. We started our Bike Ed program last week in preparation for camp and the students seem to be very enthusiastic about the program.

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead filled with learning and excitement.

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's progress or social group please make an appointment to see us via email.

We will continue to communicate through our wonderful reps over email. It is important to check these emails as they often contain key dates and important information for your child.

Elly Dillon and Meg Stewart

### Important Dates

#### **MAY**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>- Naplan  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> -Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- Year 4 Camp  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- Mothers Day Lunch  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup>- School Closure Day  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>- Cross Country  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup>- Walkathon

#### **JUNE**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>- Public holiday  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>- Athletics Carnival  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup>- END of term

## **Literacy**

We provide small group, whole class and independent learning to teach specific skills and facilitate learning. We are continuing the 'Daily 5' Literacy program, which will foster independence and encourage the students to develop a love of reading and writing. The strategies will focus on Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary.

During our small group focus sessions we will be using comprehension strategies such as comparing and contrasting, sequencing, identifying facts and opinions, and cause and effect. We aim to provide opportunities for rich discussion about a range of texts. In writing we are developing better independent writing stamina, focusing on writing to explain, inform and entertain.

In Spelling we have identified areas of need and will be highlighting the five key spelling strategies including sound, visual, connecting, meaning and checking as well as learning spelling generalisations and rules.

In Speaking and Listening, we will be focusing on ways to participate in group discussions, as well as developing oral presentation skills

## **Mathematics**

This term we will be covering the following concepts in class:

### **Number and Algebra**

Addition and subtraction using mental strategies and algorithms to solve equations as well as practicing the counting skills associated with multiplication

Multiplication and Division using mental strategies and algorithms to solve equations as well as practicing the counting skills associated with multiplication

### **Measurement and Geometry**

Exploring units of measurement we commonly use and solving problems based around area and perimeter.

Learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes

Throughout Year Four we will strive to build the student's automatic recall of number facts through our program Fast and Furious, particularly multiplication. As parents, you can support this at home by encouraging your child to use Mathematics regularly.

## **Inquiry and Religious Education**

This term we are looking back at the early history of Australia. This includes:

- Indigenous way of life
- Early explorers
- Convicts and the First Fleet
- First Settlement

We will be looking at the different people and events. We will then use writing to convey our learning and messages. A big part of this is developing critical research skills and using these to differentiate between sources of information. Our provocation for the unit is: Australia Day versus Invasion Day to explore different perspective of settlement.<sup>2</sup>

### **Specialist Timetable**

	<u>Monday</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>	
<u>Even</u>			10-11am	Japanese
			12:30-1:30pm	P.E.
			2:30-3:30pm	Art
<u>Odd</u>	12:30-1:30pm	Performing Arts	12:30-1:30pm	P.E.
	2:30-3:30pm	Art		

### **Parent Helpers**

If you would like to be a parent helper please see us to organise a time. We would love to have you!

### **Homework**

This term for homework we will provide the children with a range of learning tasks in the form of a Homework Grid. The activities will have a focus on Mathematic and Literacy skills that we are learning in class and some will have a focus on history. It is your child's responsibility to keep their homework book neat and organised. There are must do weekly tasks (reading, spelling, Mathletics) and then 2 activities from the homework grid per week which they choose.

### **Home Reading**

Children are required to read for at least 20 minutes per night. We encourage you to listen to a section of the book each night to keep track of your child's progress. Children may read from a variety of resources such as classroom books, library books, newspapers, web sites, magazines or books from home.

### **Communication**

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this term to make it the best year it can be for your children. Should you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see us.