**Home Communication Letter Levels 3 & 4 Term 4**

Monday 6th October 2014

**Important Dates:**
- 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th & 16th October – Swimming Program
- Bike Ed Program: Oct 22nd (Group A), Oct 29th (Group B), Nov 5th (Group A), Nov 12th (Group B), Nov 19th (Group A), Nov 26th (Group B)
- 30th Oct, 6th Nov, 13th, Nov 20th, Nov 27th Nov and 4th Dec – Ipad Transition Program Year 4

**Home activities**

The usual routines will continue. The children need to learn the weekly spelling words, read their home reader, complete the mathematics sheet and [complete one or two activities from the theme grid](#). We request that parents sign the grid. We have three DIPL units to complete. We work on a unit for two weeks and at the beginning of each unit a summary of the spelling, grammar and word knowledge focus is pasted into the home activity book. Activities will be due on a Thursday and the students can share their achievements with the class on a Friday. Included on the theme grid is a ‘[free choice](#)’. This is to provide scope for the children to explore their own interests or practise a skill. Activities could be, for example, writing and drawing or doing a project on a special interest or event. They could write a story or complete a book review. Free choice can be undertaken as many times as they like.
Curriculum

In literacy we will continue with the DIPL program, ‘The ‘Big Write’ and regular reading sessions.

During the final term, in mathematics, there will be a revision of all major concepts. The recall of number facts using strategies rather than counting up is essential. Please practise these at home. All of the children are at varying stages with the learning of these facts, so begin at an appropriate level and when your child has mastered that level then begin working at a more challenging level. Begin with addition to 20 – start with doubles. Then they can go on with subtraction. With the times tables commence with 1x, 10x, 2 xs, 5 xs and then work through to 9 xs. Confident students can also learn related division facts.

Integrated Studies –
Our ‘Big Idea’ this term is ‘Healthy Me’. We will focus on health related issues such as fitness, outdoor recreation, diet, human growth and development, the functions of the major body systems and safety topics. To tie in with this theme we have planned an excursion to the very popular ‘Jump Deck’ indoor recreation centre. A related home activities grid has been planned for this topic.

Discovery Learning – We will continue with the very popular ‘discovery learning sessions’. The children have been placed in a discovery group. The home group teachers conduct one subject each. The discovery learning subjects are:
1 – ICT including Cyber safety
2 - Science Explorations
3 – Lote – Indonesian/Sustainability

Thanks for your continued support,

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