Year 4
Parent Information Night
2017
About the Teacher

Mary Featherstone
Hopes and Dreams

My hopes and dreams for your children:

• To work to their potential
• Present their work with pride
• Model good behaviour in and out of the classroom
• To develop in them a love of learning
• To be kind and caring members of the St Rose community
Year 4 Routines

• Religion – Prayer Circles, Topic Study – God’s Forgiveness and Healing, Bible: Writings of the Old Testament, Mary: A Woman of Faith, Mission, Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas

• English Block – shared reading, small group instructional reading, modelled writing, joint construction, independent writing, spelling and grammar, handwriting, Digital Technology

• Maths – explicit teaching, growth point groups, open-ended tasks, challenges, drill and practice, computer programs
Year 4 Routines

• **Conceptual Learning Focus:**
  Geography/Science/Literacy/Creative Arts
  ‘The Earth’s Environment’ (Semester 1)
  - We examine the features and characteristics of places and environments
  - We describe some observable changes over time on the Earth’s surface that result from natural processes and human activity.

• ‘**PDHPE** – Sport, Personal Development, PBL

• **Library** – a one hour lesson per week
Independent Learners

In Year 4 my aim is for the students to take greater responsibility for their own learning.

• We learn the skills of proof-reading and editing.
• We focus on dictionary skills.
• Students are encouraged to read questions carefully – what am I being asked to do?
• We focus on being fluent, expressive readers.
• We focus on higher–order comprehension tasks, e.g., making inferences, identifying the author’s purpose
• We practise our times tables.
• We master cursive handwriting and aim to receive our pen licence.
Crunch and Sip

• Crunch and Sip is a set break to eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

• Please ensure your child has some fruit or vegetables cut into pieces, and a water bottle.
Birthdays

- Birthdays are celebrated at school and you may wish to send in something special for your child to share with their classmates.
- We ask that you send in small patty cakes/iceblocks, etc, rather than a large cake to cut.
- Please be aware there are students in the class who have food allergies - so please NO NUTS!
Leadership

- SRC
- Mini Vinnies
Class Page

• The website you need to go to is:  
  http://strosecp.weebly.com/

• From this ‘weebly’ you can access the Year 4 Class Page.

• Homework will be uploaded to this page.
Learning Support and Enrichment

Learning Support Teacher and Assistants will provide support for children identified with needs in:

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Learning difficulties
- Enrichment
Assessments

- MAI – Mathematical Assessment Interview
- Term 4 Standardised Tests – Comprehension, Maths, Spelling
- Ongoing Classroom Assessment across all KLA’s
Home Learning

30 minutes per night plus reading time

- Handed out on Monday, (Homework will be put up on Fridays on the ‘Weebly’).
- Due every second Friday
- Homework includes basic skills in Maths and English
  - Maths Plus textbook (2 pages per week)
  - Multiplication tables practice
  - Maths problem-solving tasks
  - Spelling activities – spelling words will be given out every fortnight
  - Writing activities
- Reading – students record their reading in their diary.
- Religion – students complete weekly puzzle in their diary and sometimes tasks related to the current module.
- Conceptual Learning Task
  - chosen by students, researched and presented (2 per term)
Class Volunteers

• Class volunteers start in Term 2.
• If you would like to assist in the classroom please let me know the days and times you are available.
• You might like to help with the following:
  - Maths group activities
  - English group activities
  - listening to children read
Year 4 will be involved in the following specialist lessons:

• Library – Wednesday (Library bags are required.)
• Sport – Wednesday

• All children need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday and Thursday.
Communication

All parents must download the QKR App to order lunches and EVENT tickets.
For further details, refer to the PowerPoint previously emailed to you.
Covering Books

Thank you for covering your child’s books!
Teacher Contact Details

My email address is:

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I may not get time to check emails during the day, so if you have an urgent matter, please contact the office.
Thank you for joining me tonight. I look forward to a great year of learning with your children.