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Welcome to Year 4 – 2020

4G Mr Robert Barden and Mrs Kathleen Mitchell 4W Mrs Deepa Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We're looking forward to learning together. It has been great to see the progress and growth that Year 3 have made this year - both in what they have learnt and how they learn - and we hope to build on this over the next twelve months. Mr Barden and Mrs Francis will work collaboratively to lead the learning in Year 4 next year. Mrs Kathleen Mitchell will teach Mr Barden's class on Fridays and alternate Tuesdays to release him to work in his role as Religious Education Coordinator.

We hope that your upcoming break will be a very special time for you and your family. Christmas time is about the coming of Jesus into our world. It is a time of love and sharing and we hope that this becomes the central part of your celebrations.

Holidays are a great time for relaxation and down time but also a wonderful opportunity to be able to read with your children. We would strongly encourage you to read daily with your children. This will help them keep up their literacy skills for when school resumes. Your local library is a great resource and a place we would encourage you to visit during the holidays.

As a part of the school Resource Fee, all children in the Year 4 learning space will have access to class stationery. In addition, it is always advisable for children to manage their own set of items. We would encourage you to ensure that they have some essential personal stationery items for their daily use as well (see list below). Please keep in mind that these things do not need to be new - pencils etc from this year would be great to use again next year. Please ensure that any personal items are clearly LABELLED with your child's name. This encourages personal responsibility and ensures that lost items can be recovered and returned easily.

In preparation for Year 4, we would like all children to have the following items:

- Personal Stationery (pencil case with lead pencil, coloured pencils or crayons, textas, glue stick, sharpener, eraser, ruler etc.)
- Earphones (inexpensive variety to be used with iPads and laptops; need to fit inside pencil case)
- Library bag (Available from Uniform Shop \$10)
- 2 boxes of tissues (As a part of a class supply)
- 1 pack of baby wipes (As a part of a class supply)
- Paint shirt
- Clear contact for book covering throughout the year

In the first few weeks of 2020, we will be sending home exercise books for covering. Could you please cover these in clear contact and return these to school within one week.

As you are aware, the Seesaw app is the way that teachers, students and parents communicate with each other about grade based information and student learning. This year, we have subscribed to Seesaw for Schools so the end of year processes for your child's Seesaw account will look different. You will no longer need to archive your child's account at the end of this year. Instead, you will be invited to your child's new Seesaw account once this has been successfully set up. There will be more information about this as necessary. This is a really exciting upgrade that will allow you to keep a digital journey of your child's learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Important dates for next year:

Wednesday 29 January – MAI testing day. Please see accompanying letter to book a time for a Mathematics Assessment Interview for your child with their teacher. This one day has been set aside especially for this assessment. It is very important that an interview time is made for each child.

Thursday 30 January – Years 1-6 return to school for a “cracker” year of learning!

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity in us all. These school holidays, we are encouraging all students to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge and read, read, read! If your child is interested in entering this competition and be in the chance to win a Google Chromebook, see details on how to enter the challenge.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Whats-On/EDSRC>

Thank you for your support and looking forward to meeting you in 2020. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards,

Mr Barden, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Francis
Year 4 Team