

St Anthony's Primary School

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Welcome to Year 4 - 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to Year 4! We are looking forward to learning together. It has been great to see the progress and growth that Year 3 has 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. Mrs Sheraton and Mrs Francis will work collaboratively to lead the learning in Year 4 next year.

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 with your children daily. 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 2021, we will be sending home exercise books for covering. Please cover these in clear contact and return these to school.

Important dates for next year:

Thursday 28 January – MAI testing day. Please see the 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.

Friday 29 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! If your child is interested in entering this competition to be in with a chance to win a Google Chromebook, see the 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 2021. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards,

Mrs Charlene Sheraton and Mrs Deepa Francis Year 4 Team