



## Welcome

Welcome back to term 4! The last term in a very busy year! All current dates have been included in this newsletter. Please make note of these in your diaries! We are looking forward to a great term ahead! ☺

## Hats!

During term 1 and 4 all students are required to wear hats during recesses, PE and sport.

One very important point to remember is to clearly **name** these hats and **all other** belongings. Each year hats get mixed up and naming the hats will hopefully combat this problem.

## Communication Diaries & Homework Notes

Each child will have a red school diary. We expect the red diary to be returned to school **daily**. It is an excellent source of communication between school and home. It is also an excellent means of organisation for the students.

**Please note** that students are required to complete all set homework (please see attached homework note). If students are not completing the set homework (that includes at least 4 nights a week of home reading) a homework note will be sent home.

## Deep Knowledge Unit

Term 4 – *What's the matter? (5 weeks)*

*Personal Projects (5 weeks)*

This term our Deep Knowledge Unit is *What's the matter?* This unit focuses on science. Students will conduct experiments in order to classify substances as solids, liquids, gases and plasmas. They will also describe examples of reversible and non-reversible changes.

We will also be completing personal projects again this term. Detailed information regarding personal projects will be sent home later this term. This work will be completed during school time. The students will also be having an expo to celebrate their projects with their parents. This will held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. More information will follow.

## Other...

A detailed note regarding homework expectations will be sent home shortly.

## Dates to Remember!

Grade 4 parents SLU information afternoon  
2.30 – 3.30pm- Staff Room  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Geelong Show Day Holiday  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Reports and grade placements sent home  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Personal Projects Expo & Class Parties  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Barwon Valley Fun Park

As an end of year celebration the Middle Learning Unit students will be going on an excursion to Barwon Valley Fun Park. More information will be sent out closer to the end of the year.

## TEAR Australia

During term 4 the Middle Learning Unit Students will be participating in a fundraiser for TEAR Australia. We will explain how this program works to the students at the start of the term and send home a detailed note with the students. Below is some initial information;

*'TEAR Australia pioneered the idea of buying 'development gifts' to assist people struggling with poverty, producing our first catalogue in 1994. Every gift is part of a long-term program designed to give people the resources they need to help change their lives.'*

Please view the website for more information -  
<http://www.usefulgifts.org/viewall.php>

Grade 4 parents SLU information afternoon  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Room

Miss Howard and Mrs Warren will be holding an information session for Grade 4 parents who were unable to attend last terms information session. It will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October in the Staff Room, 2.30 – 3.30pm.

## Grade 4 Transition

As part of our transition program the Grade 4 students will be spending time in the Senior Learning Unit this term. Dates and further information will follow shortly.