

Level 4 Term 3 Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

Event: Andy Griffiths Excursion

Date: Tuesday 21st July, 2009

Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm

Where: Glen Waverley Secondary College.

Event: Level 4 Swimming

Date: Every day from Monday 27th July to Friday 7th August, 2009

Time: 1.00pm-3.30pm

Where: Nunawading Aquatic Sports and Fitness Centre

Event: Level 4 Camp

Date: Monday 17th Au-

Amazing Asian Adventures

We have begun an exciting unit on Asian Cultural studies. Beginning with an examination of Australian Culture, students will then go on an Amazing Asian Adventure. Students will examine three different Asian countries in great detail. Some research will need to be completed at home so regularly check on your child's progress and encourage them to carefully manage their time so as to be able to complete the research and produce the work in the required format.



Asian Culture Workshops

We will also offer five interest based workshops which students can sign up to learn about Asian food, clothing, games and sports, celebrations, or homes and houses.

Welcome!

We would all like to welcome Wendy Punay and Dawn Heldt to our school and in particular Level 4. The students have spent the last fortnight getting to know the new teachers and have made them feel welcome.

Level 4 Camp

Level 4 camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort in Gippsland is fast approaching and is in week 6 (Monday 17th August to 21st August). This is going to be a fun and exciting camp with plenty of activity all

students will enjoy. Further notices will be sent home soon for permission, medical information and outlining what students need to bring along.

Could we also remind any family who has not yet

paid for the camp in full to do so as soon as possible as we are in the process of finalising numbers. If you are unsure please speak to the office staff.



Literacy in Term 3

Reading

Level 4 students have continued to work in ability groups for reading where the focus is on deepening students' comprehension. By Level 4, students are moving beyond learning to read and should be able to utilise their reading skills to learn. With our integrated unit on Asia, many reading groups will be examining Asian folktales and legends.



Mathematics

Number:

This term there will be a big focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. The students have been placed into Maths groups based on their understandings of fractions. We will be investigating what fractions are, equivalent fractions, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions and how to change fractions into decimals and percentages.

Writing

Our first writing focus this term will be on procedure writing. You can help your child by exposing him or her to recipes, instructions, directions, and other procedures that we use every-day. Look at the structure of the procedure – is there an aim? How are the steps set out? Is the procedure easy or difficult to follow? Why? Do the illustrations help?

Later in the term we will be revisiting narratives with an emphasis on adding detail and being more creative with language. Journal writing, linked to the topic of Asia, and regular spelling continue. Remind your child to work on their journal regularly ready for submission each week, and to carefully prepare for the spelling test each Friday.



Congratulations Sarah!

Sarah from L4C has been busy training and competing for the Nationals competition in Gymnastics!

Last week, Sarah won first place in the bars and came fifth overall in the competition!

Fantastic effort

Sarah!

Measurement, Chance and Data:

Within home groups, students will be learning about volume, capacity and probability. They will investigate the difference between volume and capacity. They will also determine the likelihood of an event occurring.

Space:

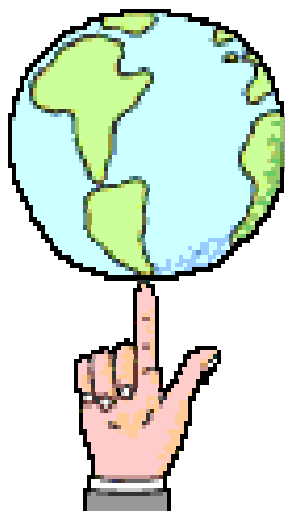
In Space workshops, students are working in homegroups to learn about lines and angles. They will find parallel, perpendicular, vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines and complete problems using these lines. Students will use protractors to determine the angle of lines and learn about acute, obtuse, reflex and right angles.

Level 4 Specialists

GERMAN

Students will acquire and use new information and language, and recycle previously learnt language skills and knowledge in new contexts with the focus unit being *Asien*. They will read a range of short or modified texts from books and from websites for meaning and for use as models in their own writing. They will focus on reading aloud effectively, applying knowledge of pronunciation, punctuation, tone and letter-sound variations in particular contexts. Writing a short paragraph based on modelled sentences will be integral to the unit as students explore how the German language works and then continue to expand their understandings.

Inge Imberger



PE

In Term 3 Level 4 students will continue units on Athletics and Football. They will begin new units on basketball and aerobics during PE lessons. Winter sport continues for the first two weeks of term. On the 24th July the green team plays away against Camelot Rise PS and the blue team plays home against St Scholastica's PS. The swimming program commences on the 27th July and ends on the 7th August at Nunawading Aqualink. Level 4 students will depart school at 1:20pm and will return to school by 3:15pm. The swimming lesson commences at 1:50pm. The District Athletics is being held on the 11th September at Bill Stewart Athletics Track in Burwood East. During the term students will participate in school trials to select a team to compete at the District Athletics.

Christopher Naughtin

MUSIC

Music will be focussing on
 a) reading notation - rhythmic and from the ABC books.
 b) creating music - Monday's drum group for year 6
 C) small group performances.

Glenys Ferguson

ART

Level 4 will be focusing on Asian art this term. They will use new mediums such as Fimo and wax batik as well as continuing to develop other skills such as drawing and painting.

Maria Pacewicz

HOMEWORK IN LEVEL 4:

- **Weekly Journal tasks**
- **A minimum of half an hour of reading 5 nights a week.**
- **Weekly spelling words- it is up to students how they learn these.**
- **Any unfinished work from workshops.**