



## Term 4 Week 2

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## *Welcome to Term 4 Week 2*

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### Class 1



Welcome back to our final term! We have an engaging and educational schedule planned across all subjects:

**English:** Our novel study will focus on *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Students will explore the story's characters, themes, and plot, developing comprehension and critical thinking skills. We will engage in reading activities, character analysis, and creative writing inspired by the book.

**Mathematics:** This term, we will focus on measurement. Students will learn to measure length, mass, and capacity using appropriate units and tools. Practical activities will include comparing objects, estimating measurements, and solving real-world problems involving measurement.

**Science:** In science, our topic will be states of matter. Students will investigate solids, liquids, and gases by conducting experiments to observe properties and changes in states, such as melting, freezing, and evaporation.

**Geography:** Our focus will be natural disasters, specifically floods and bushfires. Students will study the causes and effects of these events, how communities prepare and respond, and the impact on the environment and people's lives. We will also discuss safety measures and recovery efforts.

**PDHPE:** The focus this term is safety, with an emphasis on water safety. Students will learn about the importance of being safe around water, including beaches, pools, and rivers. Lessons will include identifying hazards, understanding safety rules, and basic emergency responses.

**Creative Arts:** Students will explore seasonal crafts inspired by Halloween and Christmas. This will include designing and creating decorations, developing fine motor skills, and expressing creativity through art.

I am excited about the learning opportunities this term and look forward to a wonderful and productive time with the students!

Miss Shaylee and Miss Claudia

## Class 2

I hope everybody had a wonderful break and are ready for another big term in Class 2

It was great to see everybody returning hearing the stories about what they got up to in the holidays.

They have all jumped back onto routine and have engaged well in class activities.

It's been great seeing the development all the students have made with number, and we will be looking to further develop these skills at the start of this term.

We will have a focused effort on developing reading fluency and comprehension to begin the term.

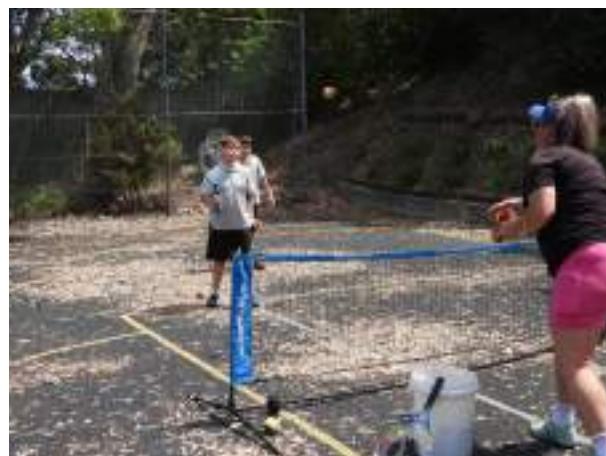
Students have begun to learn about the solar system and the different parts that are in it.

They will be learning about the age of exploration that led up to European discovery of Australia.

They will be examining what makes a good friend and how to maintain friendships.

Bree and myself are looking forward to finishing strong this term to ensure we continue to have a great year in Class 2

Mr Chris and Ms Bree





## Class 3

Good morning parents and carers,

Class 3 have been very engaged in their work in these first two weeks of term.

In English, students have begun their book study of 'Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence'. They are taking turns to read aloud and then complete some comprehension activities to see if they understood what was read. It has been great to see each student show their confidence in reading whilst also working on their fluency and reading low frequency words.

In Maths, students are continuing with book work on fractions and their Mathletics programs. We explored expanded numbers and it has been good to see students helping each other come up with answers while using the concept.

In Creative Arts, we have started a new activity focusing on sketching. It has been good to see the students take care to think about composition, scale, perspective and the arrangement of objects in the foreground and background. They also applied varying amounts of heavy and dark lines to show shadows and shape.

In PDH we have been beginning our exploration of the healthy lifestyles, food groups and diet. It's been encouraging to hear about students growing their own vegetables. This has connected well with the work we have started on the systems in the body. It was good to have discussions about how food is processed by the different parts of our Digestive Systems.

On the body systems, we have also talked about the Circulatory System and its connection to our Cardio-Vascular system. It was good to talk about the blood vessels carrying oxygen in the blood to the muscles and how the different organs in the systems have specific jobs to do, such as getting the goodness out of food in the small intestine.

In Sport we started playing Softball, taking turns to practice and improve batting techniques and playing small sided games. The students responded well to the drills that helped them get experience of hitting the ball, fielding and following the game's rules in going from base to base to build the team's score.

Warm regards,

Errol Flanagan



*1 - Getting ready to practice swings at the ball*



*2 - Batting practice is set up*



3 - Isaac practicing his batting swing



*4 - Eddie making contact with his batting technique*



*5 - Eddie about to hit the ball*



6 - Alex facing a pitch



7 - Alex ready to bat



*8 - Hayden practicing bat and ball coordination skills*



9 - Isaac at bat



10 - Isaac getting back to base with a home run

## Class 4

Welcome back to school for term 4.

This term in Class 4 we are learning about:

English - The BFG book and film study, expositions and continuing or differentiated literacy programs incorporating handwriting, typing, reading, comprehension, spelling and grammar.

Maths - multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, data, chance, volume and capacity, position and mass.

PDHPE - Drug education, safe living, softball, tennis and other gross motor skills

Science - Chemical reactions and changing states of matter

Geography - Australia's Neighbours - Asia Pacific region

SEL - Social awareness

CAPA - Australian artists including Ken Done, Albert Namatjira and street artist Mulga

Students have settled back into school routines and we are also looking forward to some fun activities to round out the year. Thank you to Miss Claire and Mr Sam for taking the class last week while we were on leave.

Congratulations also to Hadi who successfully received his White Card last week after two days of online training. Thank you Aidan for supporting Hadi to complete this achievement too.

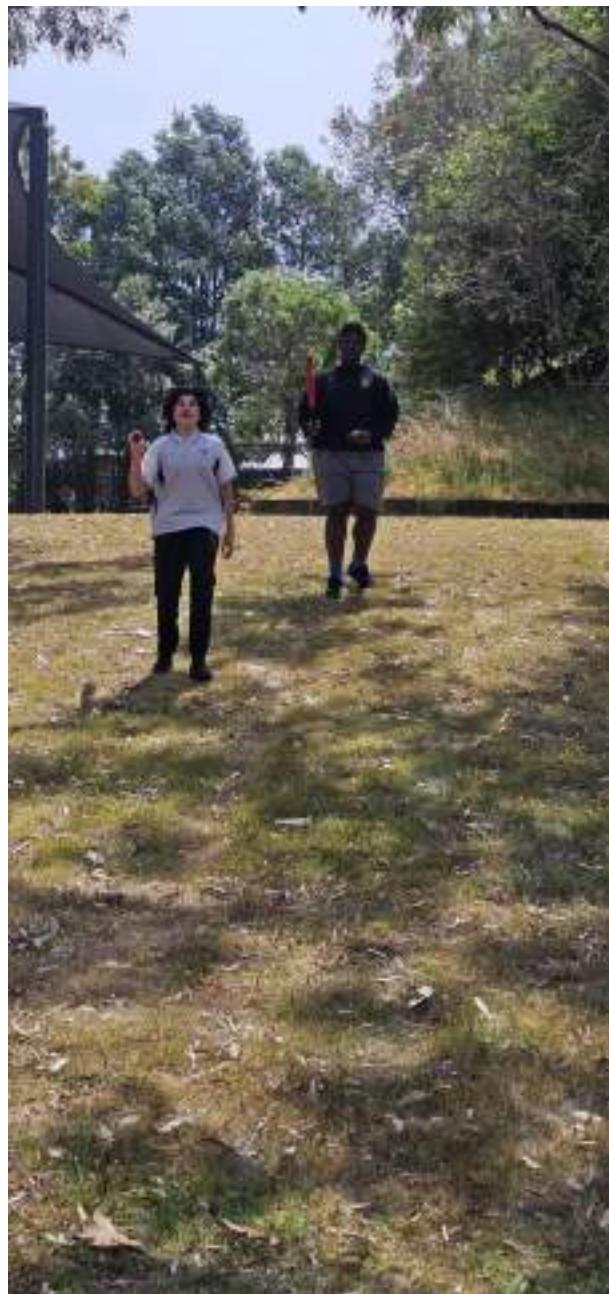
Enjoy your weekend,

Ms Belinda & Ms Keli

















11 - Photo Day - big smiles



12 - Winners are Grinners!

*Ms Dot, Miss Claire and Ms Belinda beat the team of C3 and C4 boys in basketball last week!*

## Class 6

Hello, all.

It was great to see everybody come back looking relaxed and happy, and pleased to be back at school for our final term.

This term, we are learning about China. We started by looking at China's economic importance to Australia and why we should care about China, and learnt how to write in characters and say the Chinese name for China, Zhongguo. We will be writing promotional brochures for different cities in China as we learn about China's rich history, geography and culture, practising persuasive writing in English too.

In PDH we are focussing on puberty, and sexual health and wellbeing over the next few weeks. We will be discussing "safe sex" (e.g. contraception and STIs) and consent as well as respectful relationships and inclusive attitudes to sexuality and gender identity.

In Creative Art this term we are learning how to create musical pieces using the iPad app GarageBand. We already have some impressive first efforts saved and look forward to lots of experimentation and developing awareness of rhythm and melody in music.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of our fortnight was the visit to F'Coffee on Railway Parade next to Mortdale Station. Thanks to John and his staff for their welcome and friendly service. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed their drinks and the experience. Thank you, everyone, for your support. I hope you enjoy the photos below.

Have a great weekend,

Nick and Maddie





## Class 7

I hope you all had lovely safe break.

Welcome back to Term 4!

Class settled in the routine so well which was commendable.

Students will be reading the "The Wild Robot" and continue to work on developing their English skills using workbooks.

Students will be exploring concepts of Time, multiplication & division, data and chance and complete end of year essential assessments.

In Science, students will explore the Periodic Table and explore the various atomic theories.

PDH will focus on looking at developing strategies for a healthy lifestyle.

In Geography, students will explore different landscapes and landforms.

In Art, students will create a variety of Halloween and Christmas themed art activities while employing different art elements and media to show their appreciation through art.

In Wellbeing, Class will explore *social awareness* that involves the ability to understand and empathize with others, particularly with people from different Skills that develop social awareness.

Congratulations Meredith and Archie for achieving 4000 points and receiving their Gift Card reward.

We look forward to a productive and exciting term.

Regards

Arshia and Graham





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## Class 8

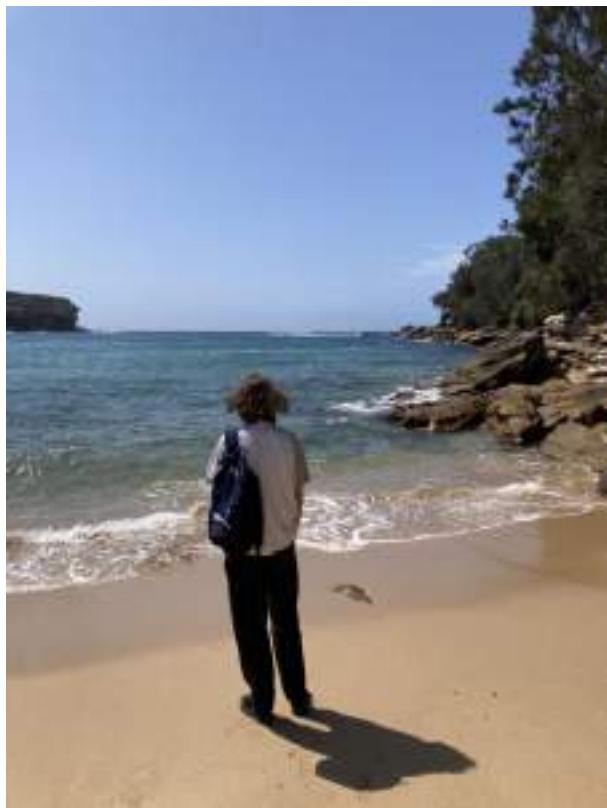
Hi everyone,

The last term of the year has started well and we have already enjoyed our first excursion-to Wattamolla in the Royal National Park. Students enjoyed a bushwalk to a lookout and also experienced the joy of walking in summer(flies). During our Outdoor Education lesson (which we also shared with flies!), we talked about leaving no trace bushwalking, economic walking pace, what should be in your backpack and trail impact. Well walked everybody.

This term in Science, we will be learning about classification and cell structure. We studied dichotomous keys and looked at cells through our school microscopes. In History we are studying World War 2, with a focus this week on the lead up to the war and the Allies/Axis powers. During English writing lessons, we will be focusing on writing reports, while during English text lessons, we are reading and watching "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak. In Visual Arts we will be concentrating on art periods during the time of the Second World War. This week has seen us create artworks based on Surrealist artists such as Salvador Dali. We created an imaginary scene and butterflies (see below). During Maths lessons we have been preparing for our Essential Assessment tests coming up.

We have other Outdoor Education excursions planned for this term, so we will be very busy. Thanks everyone for your hard work.

Mel, Pip and Aidan.



14 - Archie



15 - Akira



16 - Ejay and Zac



17 - Ejay



18 - Zac



19 - Ejay's bird



20 - Akira's dream scene



21 - Zac's butterfly



22 - Archie's butterfly

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