



# What's happening in Level 3 and 4?

## Term 2 Newsletter, 2017

### **STEAM Across Level 3 and 4**

Term 2 will bring another whole school wide focused unit of work, and for this year, all levels will participate and discover new learnings in a STEAM field. STEAM is short for the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Level 3/4B, 4K and 4WS will focus on the science behind Olympic games and events. Students will learn to not only program a robot, but design and develop props for the spheros to compete in, such as the luge, skiing events and bobsleigh. Level 3 students will 'Design and build a model of a new school play space' which we anticipate the students will really enjoy. This is the reason we asked students to visit playgrounds over the holidays.

### **Spelling**

From this term onward the students will be focussing on spelling patterns in words and strategies for spelling using the THRASS program.

The students are focussing on sounds in words and the spelling options that occur with these. For example 'air as in hair' and 'are as in square'

We will focus on a different sound box each fortnight and will be asking the students to investigate these sounds in words to come up with their own lists for homework.

We will assess the students understanding of these sounds at the end of every fortnight.

We value your support with this by talking to your child about the sound they are focussing on and brainstorming words with them, possibly over dinner or on a drive.

### **Flora and Fauna**

Parents are welcome to help from 11.30 am – 1.00pm every Thursday. Could all students please keep a pair of children's gardening gloves in their schoolbag for when they're working outside.

### **Naplan**

Lastly, over the last week we had a heightened focus on the upcoming NAPLAN testing. We are encouraging the students to feel comfortable with the testing and as stress free as they can be. This involves practising the tests under test conditions. If you know your child feels pressure in this sort of environment, we ask that you chat with them about it.

At the end of week 4, Level 3 classes will organise an activity to celebrate the end of Naplan and relax with their classmates.

The following week we will continue with our regular program.

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