Welcome back

It was great to see the students returning from their break looking happy and relaxed. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with lots of rich learning experiences.

Inquiry

This term the Year 4 students will be investigating the different effects humans can have on the environment.
Our central idea is, “human behavior may impact on ecosystems.”
In particular we will be looking in detail as to the:
- Different types of ecosystems.
- Characteristics of an ecosystem.
- Human impact on ecosystems.
- Ecosystems change.
- Endangered animals.

Healesville Sanctuary

The Year 4 students will be travelling to Healesville Sanctuary on Friday 31st of July as part of our inquiry into “human behaviour may impact on ecosystems”.
The students will be looking at various endangered animals, the eco systems they live in and also learning about different conservation programs that the sanctuary has implemented.
As Healesville is over an hour away, we are leaving school at the early time of 8.30am and ask that students be in their classroom by 8.20am.

Diary dates

- Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
  Friday 31st of July 8.30am
- Tuesday 1st September
  Father’s Day stall
- Italian Day
  Wednesday 16th September

Writing

For the first three weeks we will be learning how to plan and write interesting recounts.
The students will be taught about the different types of recounts and the specific structures required by this genre of writing, such as orientation, time connectives, adjectives, personal reflection and evaluation.
The use of planners to organise students writing will also be a focus.

Blogging

The Year 4 classroom blogs start next week. The Blog addresses are:
Money

In Maths over the next few weeks we will be looking at money. This will include calculating change from various purchases, rounding up or down to the nearest five cents and looking at the different features of Australian notes and coins.

Maths at home

Logging onto Mathletics at least once a week is encouraged. The Rainforest Maths section is always a valuable resource for revision of any Maths topics.
All students should know their times tables to ten by the end of Year 4.

Reading

In reading our focus for the first three weeks is summarising information from text. The students will be taught to:
- Think about what they are reading,
- Identify the most important ideas,
- List these ideas,
- Put these ideas together as briefly as possible in sentence form.

Tall ships

The tall ships the students constructed last term out of recycled materials was a great success.
The students enjoyed testing them to see if they could float for two minutes and support a 500 gram weight.

Reading logs

Just a reminder to all families that it is the expectation in Grade 4 that diaries are used to record students’ reading (signed by parents) at home and that they keep their diaries in their bags at all times. Diaries are reviewed by the classroom teacher on Fridays.

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