

Welcome back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for a busy and fun year ahead. Your children have settled back into school beautifully and are already working hard! We are loving getting to know them.

Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews

On Monday February 16, we will be holding ‘Student-Parent-Teacher’ interviews. These interviews will give you the opportunity to talk with your child’s new teacher and discuss any special needs or concerns. Information regarding these interviews will be available on Compass shortly. Please book in early to secure your preferred time.

Maths

This term in Maths, some of the areas the students will be working on are Number, Place Value and Data Representation/Graphing. We will be spending a lot of time developing our place value skills with different tasks, games and small projects covering numbers up to and beyond 10,000! Daily times tables practice will also be a focus both at school and at home to help students build their number fluency. In Grade 4, we support hands-on learning where students collaborate with one another. This will entail many maths games and open-ended tasks where students will challenge their own abilities.

Writing

This term we will continue to implement the Writer’s Workshop model in our classrooms. Our goal is to follow an independent routine where students can practice writing genres that have been modelled and taught to them. Students will follow the routine of selecting a seed that makes them think. Unpacking a seed and shaping it into thinking in their individual Writer’s Seed Notebook, composing, conferencing, revising and editing their writing. Students then begin the process again on a new genre or style of writing. This term is about setting up routines, building writing stamina, understanding processes and expectations and problem-solving issues that may arise.

Spelling

This year in spelling students will investigate words to assist them to become metacognitive, strategic spellers. Students will be involved in three, twenty-minute sessions a week to purposefully investigate words through three different lenses - what words look like (visual), what words sound like (phonemic) and the meaning of words (etymology). We are looking at spelling generalisations.

Reading

This term we will begin with finding Good Fit Books and Voracious Reading, setting students up with high expectations for the rest of the year. ‘Good Fit Books’ are those that are:

- Of high interest. Books are chosen by the student as we want them to be engaged in and develop a love for reading; becoming keen, voracious readers.
- Not too easy and not too hard, but just right. It is important that there are some challenging words in the texts students read to increase their

DATES OF INTEREST

Friday February 6
School Photos Day

Wednesday February 11
PFA AGM
7:00pm
Staffroom

Monday February 16
Parent - Teacher Interviews
2pm to 6:30pm

Tuesday February 17
Gr 4 Let’s Grow Incursion

Thursday February 19
District Swimming

February 23 - March 15
Smile Squad Dental

February 23 - 27
African Drumming Program

Tuesday February 24
Kids Helpline Incursion

March 5 - 6
First Aid in Schools

Thursday March 26
Harmony Day

Thursday April 2
House Cross Country
Term ends 2:30pm



vocabulary but not too many so that they lose their comprehension of the text.

- Comprehended by students. They understand what is happening in a text to gain meaning from what they are reading.

Students will have their own book box in class. In this box they will have a good fit book, a picture story book, a challenging book and texts such as comics and magazines. We will be using quality literature as a focus point this term to walk the students through many comprehension strategies such as visualising, making connections, comparing and contrasting, predicting and summarising.

Integrated Studies - Headspace Heroes

The focus this term is developing strategies to better understand and improve our mental health. Students will explore their emotions and develop strategies that they can add to their mental health tool boxes. This learning will be supported by an incursion by Let’s Grow where students will collaborate, explore their strengths, and cultivate a positive classroom culture. Through hands-on activities, they’ll design, construct, and nurture their own terrariums—each layer representing key values like teamwork, respect, and responsibility that help their community grow. They will explore their emotional wellbeing, relationships, and the role of community in mental health.

Compass & Class Dojo

All teachers at TBPS use Compass and Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please ensure you have notifications turned on for both and keep up to date with any announcements that come out. If you have changed your email address, be sure to let the office staff know.

IMPORTANT—if you have a message to convey to your child regarding after school pick up arrangements, please call the office rather than message us as we get busy during the day and often don’t check these platforms until after school.

Camp

A highlight this year is our CAMP! We will all be attending CYC ADANAC in Yarra Junction. The Grade 4s will attend camp from Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th November. More information regarding camp will be sent home shortly.

Homework

The students will be given homework once a week beginning in week two. Homework this term will consist of home reading, practising times tables and choosing an activity each week from the Health Grid. Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and returned to school by the following Monday.

Sun Protection

Please ensure your child has a named school hat each day. You may send sunscreen (for personal use only). Please apply sunscreen before school each day too.

Brain Food

To help keep students focussed, we have ‘Brain Food’ at around 10am each day.



Rebecca Dell



Amy Hillier



Claire Saliba



Beth Stephens

This is a snack provided by you which can only be unpackaged fresh fruit or vegetables. No processed foods.

Food and Water

We strongly encourage students to bring in their water bottle to have on their table to sip on throughout the day. We also encourage students' lunch boxes to be as rubbish free as possible since we have a strict 'NO PAPERS/WRAPPERS' rule in our yard, please.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to a terrific year!

Kind regards,
Amy Hillier, Beth Stephens, Bec Dell and Claire Saliba.

TERM 1 SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

	4C	4D	4H	4S
PHYS ED	Wednesday 9:50 - 10:40	Monday 9:40 – 10:20	Friday 9.00 - 9.50	Friday 9.50-10.40am
VISUAL ART	Monday 10:40 - 11:30	Wednesday 12:20 – 1:00	Wednesday 10:40 – 11:30	Wednesday 9.50-10.40am
PERFORMING ARTS	Wednesday 10:40 - 11:30	Tuesday 10:20 – 11:00	Monday 10:40 – 11:30	Monday 9.50-10.40am
SCIENCE	Monday 9:50 - 10:40	Thursday 11:40 – 12:20	Wednesday 9:50 – 10:40	Wednesday 10.40-11.30am
LIBRARY/AUSLAN	Thursday 1:10 - 2:00	Thursday 1:00 – 1:40	Tuesday 2.40 – 3:30	Thursday 12:20 – 1:10

WEEK 1	JANUARY 26	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 28 First Day of School Gr 1 - 6	JANUARY 29	JANUARY 30
WEEK 2	FEBRUARY 2 Preps First Day 9:30 – 3:00	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 6 School Photos
WEEK 3	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11 PFA AGM	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 13
WEEK 4	FEBRUARY 16 Student-Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm – 6:30pm School Council 6:30pm	FEBRUARY 17 Gr 4 Incursion – Lets Grow	FEBRUARY 18 Miller’s Homestead Library Excursion	FEBRUARY 19 District Swimming Prep Fun Night 5:00 - 6:30	FEBRUARY 20 Prep Incursion
WEEK 5	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24 Gr 4 Kids Helpline Incursion	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 27 Firey’s Day
WEEK 6	MARCH 2 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 3 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 4 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 5 First Aid in Schools	MARCH 6 First Aid in Schools
WEEK 7	MARCH 9 Labour Day Public Holiday	MARCH 10	MARCH 11 NAPLAN	MARCH 12 NAPLAN	MARCH 13 NAPLAN
WEEK 8	MARCH 16 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp NAPLAN	MARCH 17 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 18 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 19 Gr 3 The Basin Community House Visit with Mayor Paige Kennett	MARCH 20
WEEK 9	MARCH 23 School Council 6:30pm	MARCH 24 Gr 5 Boronia K-12 Discovery Day	MARCH 25	MARCH 26	MARCH 27 Top 10 Maths Curriculum Day
WEEK 10	MARCH 30	MARCH 31 Regional Swimming	APRIL 1	APRIL 2 House Cross Country Term ends 2:30pm	APRIL 3 Good Friday