

4J Learning Newsletter



Welcome to 4J

Mr. Jason Barnes

Welcome everyone to Term 1 2022. I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

I am the lucky teacher that gets to work with your children this year. I have been working at Erina Heights PS for several years and thoroughly enjoy working with the staff, the students and this amazing community.

The first couple of weeks have been busy and the students have been finding their feet, learning how our groups will function and how to access the various online resources. They have been fantastic, working together to help each other out whenever they can. I am looking forward to the year ahead, to help students achieve their goals and working alongside you all to continue their learning journey.

Please message on dojo, through the school email or call the office if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you in person at some stage in 2022.

Important Dates

17 Feb	Parent Meet and Greet
1 March	Zone Swimming
16 March	Sydney North Swimming
21 March	Harmony Day
25 March	National Ride to School
6 April	Cross Country
7 April	ANZAC Day school service

What are we learning about in Term 1?

ENGLISH

This term Stage 2 will be exploring a literature unit based on examining and analysing visual literacy and the features of texts, with a focus on Aboriginal Perspectives. We will be reading, viewing and discussing ideas and feelings raised from each of the texts. There will be a strong emphasis on being critical, creative and analytical around texts, as well as responding and comprehending in written work and class discussions.

MATHS

In Maths, there will be a strong focus on student understanding of number concepts and mental computation. Our goal is to have all our Stage 2 students making links between the strands in Mathematics to deepen their understanding. For example, learning how multiplication and division link to fractions and decimals and geometry.

HSIE

Students will study First Contacts, a look at world history with a specific focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students will examine European exploration and colonisation in Australia. We will look to develop knowledge and understanding about the nature of history and key changes and developments from the past.

CREATIVE ARTS

Students will be studying the artwork of some Australian Indigenous artists. They will explore elements such as pattern, line and colour and how these are used to create unique artworks. The children will discuss how the artists are able to bring aspects of land and nature to life in abstract ways.

PDHPE

Students will learn about a range of protective strategies and learn how these can be applied in a range of situations. They will explore how to build and maintain caring, respectful and inclusive relationships.

Extra Curricula

Mondays

4J Physical Education

Tuesdays

Library and Information Skills with Mrs. Stahl.

Fridays

Stage 2 Sport

HOMEWORK

Homework will begin in Week 4. It will be handed out on a Monday. It will consist of a spelling, vocabulary and Mangahigh Mathematics activities. Reading at home is also encouraged. Homework is to be returned on Friday for marking.

LIBRARY

Students will have the opportunity to borrow on Tuesdays. Students will use their researching skills as part of our History unit on Early Explorers as part of their library program in Term 1.

Mrs. Stahl.

Do you have a question?

Please feel free to contact me via Class Dojo or call the office on 02 43677608 to leave a message.