



# Year 4 News

**Pimpama State School**

**Term 1**

**January 31, 2019**



## Welcome to 2019

### Calendar for Term 1

14th Feb - Parent Information

Session 3:15-3:45pm

14th March Cross Country

25th March - Book Fair

20th-22nd March - Yr4 Camp

25th March - 5th April Parent/

Interviews

25th March - 5th April - Life Ed



As our school has grown in numbers the Parade for senior school will be every third Wednesday starting 13th February.

Life Education will commence in Week 9. Year 4 will be attending Cybersafety sessions that are included in our Health programme.

A special welcome to any new families to our Pimpama school community. Should you have any questions or concerns settling into the school year, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our teaching team consists of Miss Shakespeare, Mr Callander, Miss Muller and Miss Fels. We will be working collaboratively to offer quality learning opportunities, for the best learning outcomes for all students. "Ensuring every student is learning".

### Bell Times

Students are asked to go to classrooms at 8:40am for quiet reading. If they arrive after 8:55am they must get a late slip from the office. Therefore, it is important students are on time each day.

Also, should you need to take your child early, please report to the office first for an early departure slip. These procedures are to ensure the safety of the students.

Every minute of learning counts!



### P+C Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join the annual P&C AGM meetings on Monday 11th February and Monday 11th March at 6pm.

**The canteen** will be open as of the 30th January and is available everyday. You can place your orders through [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### Parent Information Session

A parent information session will be held on Thursday 14th February, 3:15pm-3:45pm. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and have an overview of the classroom structure, curriculum and management of the Year 4 classes.

### Water Bottles

Please remind your student to pack a water bottle each day with cold water. The weather is still very hot, and, although we have air conditioners, students are running around at play time and require a lot of water to stay hydrated.

### Uniform

It is wonderful to see so many students wearing the school uniform. At Pimpama, we are encouraging students to take pride in their school and their appearance and wearing the correct school uniform is an important part of this. Remember, checked shirt on Wednesdays.

**The teachers and students enjoy the many positive ways that you and your family contribute to making Pimpama such a special place to be! This year we would appreciate if you could make a \$50 family contribution which goes towards your child's learning.**



## HASS

HASS stands for Humanities and Social Sciences. This subject will combine History and Civics and Citizenship this semester. Students will learn to distinguish between rules and laws. In the history side of HASS the students will also learn about early sea exploration, Captain Cook and his exploration of the Pacific region, why England sent convicts to Australia, the journey of the First Fleet and the settlement of Australia at Sydney Cove.

## Information

### English

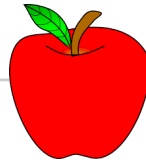
This term students will be reading Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' and focusing on the narrative structure and characterization. They will be expected to write a follow up chapter as an assessment. Students will also be examining humour in poetry and will identify and analyse literary devices in a range of humorous poetry.

### Mathematics

This semester in Mathematics students will learn a variety of mathematical concepts. Students will have opportunities to develop their understandings of number and place value, fractions and decimals along with units of measurement. Students will be exposed to a number of problem solving activities.



### Homework



Each Monday students will be given Homework and will be expected to return it on the Friday or at the latest Monday morning. Homework will consist of learning weekly spelling words, number facts and completing a homework task. Also students should be encouraged to read regularly and utilize the online learning programmes of SpellingCity, ReadingEggs and Mathletics.

### Swimming

Swimming will commence 15th February for 4 weeks. Students are encouraged to participate as it will help them to become competent swimmers.



### Communication

Communication between school and home regarding your child's learning and behaviour is vital for the best learning outcomes. The different communication methods we are offering this year; term newsletters, letters home, phone calls, parent information session, reports, parent interviews, homework, email and the behaviour card. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement in your child's learning.

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### Camp! WOO HOO!

There will be a 3 day camp at Tyalgum for Year 4 students only. The camp will be in Week 8, 20th, 21st and 22nd March this term and more information will be available soon.



Tyalgum Ridge Retreat is situated high inside the northwest perimeter of the Tweed Valley in Northern NSW. The Tweed Valley or the 'Green Cauldron' is surrounded by the eroded crater of one of the world's largest known extinct volcanoes. Ancient rainforests, fast flowing creeks, waterfalls and outstanding views are all features of the Retreat.

### School Website

Please take the time to check out the school website. It is up-to-date with information of importance to you and your family. There are also photos and other things that you may find interesting.

[www.pimpamass.eq.edu.au](http://www.pimpamass.eq.edu.au)