Welcome back to school for 2017. We are very excited about this year. As usual the school year has started at a hectic pace and the children have settled in well, as have their teachers. This letter is to inform you of some of the procedures that are in place in our classrooms. If you have any queries or comments please approach any of the Year 4 team.

The Year 4 teaching team this year is:
4 Blue is Mr Ben Sweeney.
4 Green is Miss Emily Tank and Miss Rebekah Condon on even week Wednesday.
4 Red is Mrs Belinda Breen and Mrs Katherine Austin on Tuesday.
4 Yellow is Mr Luke Brown and Miss Rebekah Condon on odd week Wednesday.

CONCERNS
If concerns arise
• See your child’s teacher first!
• Remember you only have one side of the story and a child’s perception of the story may be confused.
• Public criticisms - should not take place especially in front of the child.

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Term One Focus

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<td>The students will learn about different types of genres during library lessons. They will learn about recounts and participate in a variety of writing and reading activities.</td>
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| Mathematics             | Connecting with Numbers - Students will explore whole numbers, number facts and times tables.  
                          | Measuring Up - Students will investigate area and length.  
                          | Geometry - Students will explore 2D shapes and symmetry. |
| Science                 | Students will investigate forces.                                                                                                                                 |
| History                 | We will be studying Aboriginal history and early sea explorers.                                                                                |
| HPE                     | PE: Athletics and Fitness in preparation for Cross Country. PD: Social and Emotional Learning and Growth Mindset. }
SPORTS DAYS
In Year 4, sports days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please check that your child is wearing the appropriate uniform and shoes for these days (predominantly white sports shoes). If there is a medical reason why your child cannot participate in sport on a given day, please ensure that they come to school with a note. If a note is not provided, your child will be encouraged to participate.

CARE OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS
- It is up to the children to be responsible for their own belongings. This includes school supplies.
- It is imperative that all children’s belongings are clearly labeled.
- Please ensure all books are covered as soon as possible. If they are taken home to be covered please make sure your child brings them to school the following day as they will be needed.
- Thank you to those families who have supplied and will supply a box of tissues for our classrooms.

HOMEWORK AND HOME READING
- Homework will be given fortnightly, except for weeks 7 and 10.
- All activities are compulsory except for the Enrichment Activities on the bottom left hand side which are optional.
- The box on the bottom will be for any communication required between parents and teachers.
- Parents are still required to sign the homework each fortnight. If you have any concerns in regards to homework, please feel free to write these in your child’s book.
- Homework will be returned to school on the second Friday of each two week block – if homework is not brought in on this day it is not guaranteed that the teacher will mark it.
- Students will not be bringing spelling words home to write out. We will be focusing on spelling during class time.
- Always remain positive and let your classroom teacher know if homework is causing anxiety or stress at home.
- Always praise the efforts made.
- Admire and display work brought home.
- Encourage your child but do not push too much.
- Avoid comparison with others. Only compare with the child’s own work.

A vital part of homework is reading, both silent and aloud to an experienced reader. In Year 4, it is still vital that you listen to your child read.

If your child does not complete or submit their homework, the consequences are as follows:
First instance - verbal warning
Second instance - note home to parents
Third instance - lunchtime timeout

PERMISSION NOTES
Any child that does not return a permission note for any external school activity he/she will be excluded. It is our school policy that teachers will not call parents if notes have not been returned. Notes should be available on the School website.
BIRTHDAYS
We love to celebrate your child’s birthday and the tasty treats provided are appreciated by all. If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at school, please provide individual treats such as lollipops, Freddo Frogs or cupcakes for each child in their class. It is important that you send in enough of the same treats for each child in the class. **If your child does not have enough of the same treat to share with the whole class, the treats will not be distributed and will be sent home with your child at the end of the day. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL WHEN SENDING TREATS IN.**

If your child has an allergy or intolerance that may results in them missing out on a special treat, please provide your child’s teacher with a small selection of alternative treats for your child to have for these occasions.

- 4 Blue – 23 children
- 4 Green – 21 children
- 4 Red – 23 children
- 4 Yellow – 23 children

COMMUNICATION
Please feel free to make an appointment by email or by note to see us if you are unsure or confused about any issue that relates to your child. We would be really pleased to have a chat with you on any issue – big or small.

Year 4 teachers can be contacted via the following email addresses. **Please note that teachers do not check their emails throughout the day so please leave adequate time for a response.**

belinda.breen@catholic.edu.au  luke.brown@catholic.edu.au  ben.sweeney@catholic.edu.au  
emily.tankey@catholic.edu.au  katherine.austin@catholic.edu.au  rebekah.condon@catholic.edu.au

We are looking forward to working alongside your children as they learn and grow,

Year 4 Teachers
Belinda Breen, Luke Brown, Ben Sweeney, Emily Tankey, Katherine Austin and Rebekah Condon