Dear Parents/Caregivers

We hope your child has had a positive transition into Year Four. We are looking forward to a very productive term. During Term 1 we will be focusing on the following learning experiences.

**Mathematics**

**Number and Algebra**
- odd and even numbers
- place value to 10,000
- number patterns
- multiplication/division facts
- problem solving
- number sentences using addition and subtraction

**Measurement and Geometry**
- convert units of time
- using a.m./p.m and solve time problems

**English**

**Language: Text Structure and Organisation**
- explore the use of pronouns, text connectives
- language features of information reports

**Language: For Interaction**
- note taking
- sharing individual class discussions
- reading expression

**Language: Expressing and Developing Ideas**
- visual knowledge, spelling rules and decoding unknown words

*Love in all things*
-shared reading/guided reading/reciprocal reading
-using various comprehension strategies

**Literature: Responding**

-shar ing and discussing children's own and others' work

**Literacy: Interpreting, Analysing and Evaluating**

- focus on word identification and comprehension strategies
-visual codes such as headings and sub-headings

**Literacy: Creating**

-editing for grammatical and spelling accuracy

**History**

**Indigenous lifestyles prior to European settlement:** Researching and presenting information about the way of life of the Kaurna People.

**Religion**

**Gifts and Talents, Lent, Holy Week and Easter:** Children will focus on their individual talents and gifts and how they can be shared with others. During Lent the children will focus on ways they can grow and change in order to be the best person they can be. They will also explore the events of Holy Week in the lead up to Easter.

**Health**

**Positive behaviours and Social and Emotional learning:** Opportunities will be given for students to develop self -identity and positive relationships with others.

**Science**

**Beneath Our Feet:** Children will explore rocks, soils and landscapes as well as human and natural impact on the Earth.

**Visual Arts: Observational Drawings: Bernadette Phillips**

This term in the Arts the Year 4 students will develop their skills in creating pictures using observational techniques. They will explore how to express ways of seeing and imagining their world with images, objects and spaces. Students will experiment with techniques, tools and forms to develop their skills and refine their art-making. They will share and display visual arts works focusing on the details, intentions and the techniques used.

**Physical Education: Steven Grelli**

The Year 4 students will spend Term 1 learning and practising athletics. In the lead up to Sports Day students will have an opportunity to practice both novelty events as well as track events. They will also learn and
practice field events in order to develop their skills. I am looking forward to seeing the athletic abilities of all students in Year 4 and hoping to see them represent the school in carnivals throughout the year.

**Languages: Italian: Rosa Vento**

During Term I, the year 4 students will be revising classroom rules and routine and classroom commands through action related games, picture and word cards. The main theme for the term is Easter (Pasqua). We will be discussing the meaning and significance of Lent (La Quaresima) and Holy Week (La Settimana Santa). This will be presented through a power point presentation La Storia di Pasqua, as well as an interactive resource related to Easter.

**Resource Centre: Anita Goodwin**

In Library lessons this term the students will be investigating and using research skills to gain a deeper understanding of the lives of Australian Aborigines before European settlement.

### Term 1 Calendar

| Week 4 | 18/2 Ash Wednesday  
| 20/2 School BBQ and disco |
| Week 5 | 27/2 Year Four Mass |
| Week 6 | 6/3 Pupil Free Day |
| Week 7 | 9/3 Adelaide Cup  
| 13/3 Sports Day |
| Week 8 | 19/3 St Joseph’s Day |
| Week 9 |  |
| Week 10 | 30/3 Holy Week  
| 3/4 Good Friday |
| Week 11 | 6/4 Easter Monday  
| Week 11 | 9/4 Year 4 assembly  
| | 10/4 Last day of the term |