

Year 4 Parent Information 2020

Welcome Parents to the 2020 School Year which will be filled with the love of learning and learning to love!

The teachers are focused on providing an environment that is encouraging and enables students to realise their potential in their academic, spiritual, emotional and physical development.

This year, the Year 4 class has two teachers (Mr Joshua Wells and Mrs Jan Young) with Mrs Michelle Ward as our Education Assistant.

Mr Wells will be teaching on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Young will be teaching on Tuesdays.

Mrs Ward will be in the Year 4 classroom from the beginning of the day until lunch time, and then for the last hour of the day.

Class Expectations

- Respect ourselves, each other and the environment.
- Come to school ready to engage in learning.
- Move safely in the classroom by walking to and from places and spaces.
- The school is a safe place for students. If there is a time a student is not feeling safe, the student is encouraged to talk to a trusted adult at school.

Daily Routine

- Upon arrival students are to drop their bags to the Year 4 Bags Area and then wait quietly in line on the verandah outside the classroom.
- Please note that the bag area is the drop off and pick up area for the Year 4 class.

Time	Activity
8.30	Students assemble on the verandah and classroom doors open
8.35-8.45	Prayer, Roll, Homework Check (Spelling and Reading) , Daily Fitness and notices for the day
8.45	Spelling
9.05	Reading and Writing
10.05	Reflection
10.10	RECESS
10.30	Mathematics/Specialist Programme
11:10	Religion/Specialist Programme
12:30	LUNCH
1:00	Specialist Programme/Curriculum Integration
2.00	Specialist Programme/Curriculum Integration
3.10	Home time

*Early Close on Mondays at 2.10pm (Monday afternoon 2:00pm – Handing out of Homework and notes)

*Languages (Italian) and Science classes are taught on Monday between recess and lunch

*Sport and Music are taught after lunch on a Wednesday

Classroom Learning Programme

The Year 4 Teaching and Learning ensures that the programme is aligned to the Western Australia Curriculum.

Religious Education: Mr Wells will be teaching this Learning Area. Term 1 focuses on The Church, Lent and Easter. Mrs Young will be teaching MJR.

English: Both Mr Wells and Mrs Young with the support of Mrs Ward will be teaching Spelling, Reading and Writing.

Mathematics: Both Mr Wells and Mrs Young will be teaching Mathematics. This will be taught according to the 'Prime Maths' programme aligned to the Western Australian SCSA (School Curriculum and Standards Authority) Curriculum. This will utilise a range of supplementary resources to enhance the students learning in this area.

Health and Physical Well-Being: Mr Wells will be teaching Health and Physical Well-being based on the Child Protective Behaviours Curriculum. Later on in the year the focus will be on making Healthy Lifestyle choices such as Healthy Eating for Year 4.

HASS: will be taught by Mrs Young in the areas of History, Geography and Civics and Citizenship aligned to the Western Australian SCSA Curriculum.

Digital Technology: Digital Technology will be embedded within the above learning areas with Digital Literacy skills explicitly taught.

Visual Arts: Visual Arts will be taught by Mrs Young.

Absences:

Parents are required to contact the office via phone (08) 9782 6500 before 9am if your child is unable to attend school. If you know in advance that your child is going to be away, an email or written note is to be given to the teacher explaining the absence. Emails for absences to be sent to admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au.

Lunch orders:

The canteen is open on Monday and Thursday for LUNCHES only. If students are ordering their lunch from the canteen they are to write the order on a bag and place the money inside. The order is then placed in the lunch order box.

Homework

Your child's homework will consist of the following:

- **Reading:** Literacy Pro and/or Reading Book (of their choice)
 - **Spelling:** Look Write Cover Check booklet
 - **Maths:** Practice work for the week on Basic Facts
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- Your child will be given homework every Monday to be handed in on Friday.
 - Reading Logs and Homework Booklet to be left on their designated table area for the teacher to check every morning. This must be signed by parents.
 - Homework should take no longer than 30 minutes each day.
 - Parents are encouraged to support their child with the homework.
 - The first point of contact for parents is the class teachers for any matter regarding your child.

Literacy Pro

Students in Years 2-6 who have achieved a certain level with the Keylinks/PM Benchmark will participate in the Literacy Pro Reading Program. Literacy Pro is an evidence-based, online assessment resource that provides teachers with informed data to make teaching/learning decisions to develop students into successful, proficient readers. Literacy Pro uses paper and electronic copies of books selected by literacy experts to develop reading success in children. All students complete a placement quiz; this will determine the level of texts. Students will then engage in a quiz when they have completed a text. All the Literacy Pro texts are available in the library. Please note that these books are separate to the books that students select on Library Day.

Sports Uniform Days

Year 4 students will be wearing their Sports uniform on Wednesdays (Sports/Performing Arts) and faction shirts with sports shorts on Fridays.

Class Reward System

This term we will be implementing a class currency as the in-class reward system. Positive behaviours will result in students being given class dollars and they will be able to purchase certain rewards with the class dollars accrued, on a Friday each week. This also links into the money and financial mathematics sub-strand of the Western Australian SCSA Curriculum.

What's new at school:

- Bell Times
 - 8:30 – First Bell
 - 8:35am – Second Bell,
 - 10:10am – 10:30 Recess time
 - 12:30 – 1:10 Lunch time
 - 3:10 - Home time (Monday 2:10)
- School Buses will now be using Hesse Street as their Bus Stop (Directive from the Shire of Waroona)
- Strictly no parking on Hesse Street as it is now a Bus Stop.
- Please use the Waroona Showgrounds or the carpark behind the School oval to park when you drop off or pick up your child.

- Use of Seesaw is one of the efficient ways of communicating with parents. Seesaw will be used more frequently and will be the main method of communication between school and home. Updates will be sent home via Seesaw.

Whole School Behaviour System

The school is now in its third year with the whole school approach to behaviour management. The Levels of Behaviour Framework explicitly teaches children acceptable agreed behaviour.

The Statement of Intent:

We come to school to learn and we do this by respecting ourselves, others and the environment. We also aim to be mindful of every learner in our class.



Classroom Behaviour Consequences System

<p>Fun with classmates and friends A smile, encouragement, 'thank you' & praise House tokens Class reward system Certificate at assembly See Mr O'Dwyer with special work</p>
<p>Adult check in - the 'Look' Green behaviour request Reminder signal from an adult Verbal Behaviour warning (3rd reminder)</p>
<p>After 3rd Reminder: Adult check in – move to 'Thinking Space' Move to 'Partner Class' to complete Reflection Sheet (parents to sign) Teacher to contact Admin</p>
<p>Admin Referral – Principal/AP check-in with teacher: 1. See Admin to talk about disruption. 2. Withdrawal from class to work in Admin for a period of time. 3. Parent Contact.</p>

The 4 levels of behaviour descriptors and their agreed consequences are listed above.

Please feel free to contact Mr Wells or Mrs Young to discuss any concerns or clarify anything regarding your child's education and well-being via email or personal contact. The teachers will endeavour to address concerns, please make an appointment see us before 8.00am from Monday-Friday or afterschool before 3:30pm.

The email contact details are:

email: admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au.

Subject Line: Y4 Class: (Name of Child)

We look forward to working with your child for the 2020.

Mr Joshua Wells and Mrs Jan Young