



Term Four - Week One

Principal's Note

Term 4 is definitely one of our busiest and exciting terms and we have delved straight into our learning. Amongst the activities planned for this term is our annual 'Bug Watch' to assess the health of Mataganah Creek, the team from Bournda Environmental Centre will assist the students this Friday to capture and identify the bugs in the local creek ecosystem. The students will provide families with a report on their findings. Stage 3 students will be attending a Canberra Excursion in Week 4 with other small schools from the Bega Valley, this is a wonderful opportunity to create friendships, explore new places and have fun. Year 6 will also be engaging with transition to high school programs in preparation for next year. We are also hosting a 'Step Back in Time' open day later in the term to showcase our history study of 'The Past in the Present'. There will be many interesting displays including butter making, old fashioned games and treasured stories from Wyndham's fascinating past. Planning for our end of term school play is also underway, we would welcome volunteers who would like to be involved in set decoration, costume design and creation of props. We look forward to seeing you throughout the term and sharing these experiences with you!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Jo Collins

Upcoming dates

Week 1	Fri 14 Oct	Spring Bug Watch
Week 3	Mon 24 Oct Thu 27 Oct	Film By... Screening night at Merimbula Kinder Orientation
Week 4	Mon 31 Oct – Wed 2 Nov	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion



Sun Safe Policy

As we approach the warmer weather and to ensure the sun safety of all our students, we encourage students to wear a school hats as part of their uniform. School hats are available for \$10 at the office.



Upcoming Events

SCLC Film by....

Mr Clarke and the Y3-6 class will have their film 'Space Junk' shown at the Picture Showman cinema on Monday evening 24th October. The flyer with how to purchase tickets has been emailed to you today.

Kinder Orientation

Kinder Orientation starts on Thursday 27th October, and continues for the following 2 Thursdays, between 9:15 and 11:15am. If you know of a new family in the community, please make them aware of the Orientation dates, or suggest they contact the school.

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra

Year 5 and Year 6 students have now received their itineraries for their excursion to Canberra. I am sure they are extremely excited. Activities include guided tours of Parliament House, a visit to the Old Parliament House and the Museum of Australian Democracy among many others. The excursion will help consolidate learning in the History syllabus around our leaders of Australia's Federation, experiences of Australian Democracy and the struggle for rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A huge thank you to the P&C for their donation of \$50 per student and to PACER for their rebate of \$30 per student.

Check In Assessments

Students in Years 3 -5 will engage in check in assessments during the first three weeks of this term. The assessments will focus on key learning areas including numeracy, writing, reading and spelling conventions. These assessments help shape future learning goals and drive continuous growth in areas of need.

Wellbeing – Weekly Focus

Students are focusing on growing their Sensitive Octopus otherwise known as the 'Insula Cortex'. Activities to grow this area of your brain include reading, learning something new each day and staying curious!

Staff Professional Development

The Occupational Therapy team from Royal Far West are delivering a series of workshops to our staff throughout this term. We are looking forward to building upon our existing knowledge of strategies to help students develop self-regulation activities and gross and fine motor skills.

Samaritan Purse – Pack a Shoe Box

We have two charity shoe boxes provided by Samaritans Purse. We are asking families to donate small items for a girl and a boy aged 5-9 years. It would be nice to fill both boxes by the end of October, Week 4 this term. If you would like more information or a guide on how to pack a shoebox – follow the link below.

[How To Pack A Shoebox - Operation Christmas Child \(samaritanpurse.org.au\)](https://www.samaritanpurse.org.au)

Sport

As the weather warms up Mrs McGann is engaging the students with a variety of summer sports including Cricket, Austag and Basketball. Sports lessons focus on skill development, developing strategies for sportsmanship and fundamental movement skills. Our swimming safety and skills program will take place throughout Week 8 at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre.