Dear parents, carers and Year 4 students,
Welcome back to Term 3 at Keilor Heights Primary School.
We look forward to continuing to work in partnership to provide your child with the best education possible.
For your information, the topics for the term are outlined and important dates listed below.

**Every child’s learning is important to us in Year 4.**
We ensure that your child’s abilities are assessed thoroughly so that our teaching program is relevant to their learning needs.

To keep you informed, here is a list of key areas that we plan to address this term:

- **Integrated Theme – The First Contacts**
  - understanding what life was life for indigenous Australians before the arrival of Europeans
  - exploring what life was like in Britain in the eighteenth century
  - identifying and understanding why Europeans settled in Australia
  - developing an understanding of the early interactions between indigenous Australians and the European Settlers
  - appreciating that historical perspectives vary amongst different groups of people

- **Reading Foci**
  - Comprehension – question and answer relationships, inferring and interpreting various points of view, exploring fact & opinion, analysing and comparing historical texts/language features to contemporary texts and language features
  - Reading Strategies - self-correcting, stop and check/re-read, using text & visual clues to clarify the meaning of unknown words when reading

- **Writing Foci**
  - Genres – Information Reports, Persuasive texts (creating arguments) Poetry, Letters and Diaries
  - Grammar and Punctuation - verbs, adjectives, word and sentence punctuation and structure
  - Spelling - Oxford High Frequency Words and Common Spelling Patterns (Word Study)
  - Handwriting - Introductory and Advanced Joins

- **Maths Foci**
  - 4 Processes - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
  - Fractions/Decimals/Percentages – Parts of a whole and a group of objects
  - Measurement – Time
  - Number Patterns – properties of odd and even numbers and exploring sequences
  - Problem Solving strategies – worded problems and applying mathematical knowledge to different scenarios
Personal Diary
Children are expected to bring their diary to school each day. All necessary reminders for parents will be recorded in student diaries. Please support your child in ensuring that it is placed in their bag for school. Modelling personal organisation is essential!

Important Dates for Term 3
- August 22nd – Snuggle up with a Book
- August 29th – Numeracy Week
- September 16th – Last Day of Term 3

Dates to be confirmed:
- Integrated Studies excursion and incursion
- School Open Night
- Curriculum Day

Don’t Forget!
Be assured our door is always open. Your child’s needs are in our best interests. It is better to know anything now rather than later. If you cannot see us personally, please communicate through your child’s school diary and we’ll respond at our earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,
The Year 4 Teaching Team

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