

Classroom Newsletter

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Term One, 2021

Welcome to a new school year at Ripley Valley State School!

It's been a lovely couple of weeks so far teaching your students. The Year 4s and 5s have each started their learning journey on a fantastic foot. I can't wait to see the progress each one of them will make over the year.

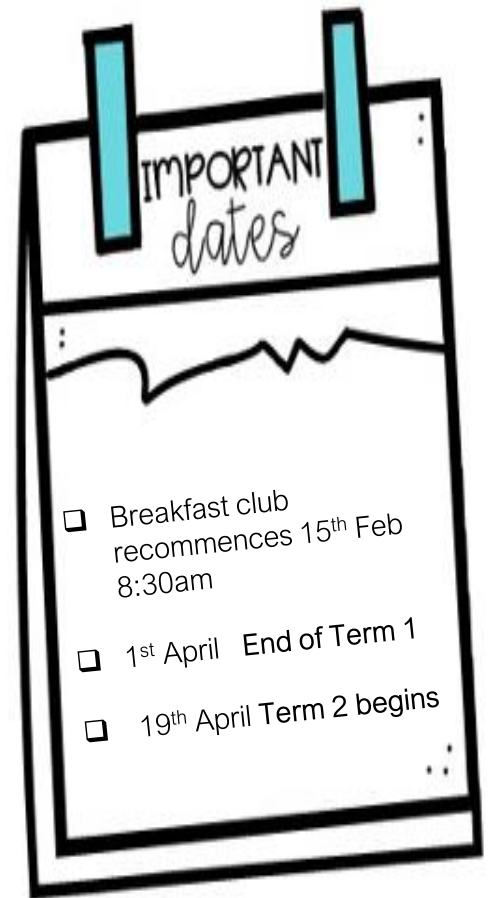
A little about myself! I love dogs – I own 2 rescue greyhounds; Boots & Cheeky (Cheeky lives up to her name!). I enjoy basketball, boxing, Muay Thai and good books (If I leave the house, chances are I'll return with a newly bought book), rap & hip-hop music (small vinyl collection), video games and indulging my sweet-tooth with a variety of treats.

Our 4/5 classroom is an active one. I believe that to truly learn, one must do. In each learning experience, students produce work and are taken through an explicit feedback cycle to help with deep understanding. High expectations are partnered with support, positive encouragement, and evidence-based high quality teaching to ensure all students are given the best chance to reach their full potential.

My classroom is open for casual chats each afternoon, you are always welcome to come visit. If you wish to discuss specific questions, I ask that you email to make an appointment.

I hope you, and your student, are looking forward to the year ahead!

Mr. Wilcox



WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Our Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00	Guided Reading	Art	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Parade
10:00-11:00	Maths	HPE	Maths	Maths	Maths
	11:00 To 11:30		Morning Tea		
11:40-12:40	English	Guided Reading	English	English	English
12:40-1:10	Spelling / ICT	Spelling / Handwriting	Spelling / Handwriting	Spelling / Handwriting	Spelling / Handwriting
	1:30 To 2:10		Lunch		
1:50-3:00	HASS	Science	PBL	Library	Design Technology

Reminders

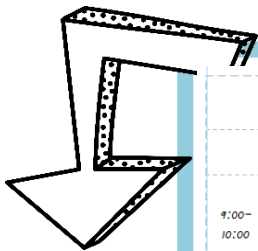
LIBRARY

Thursday

Students need a bag to carry borrowed books

PARADE

Every Friday 9am



MISS EMILY LESCHKE

Emily is working with the Year 4, 5 and 6 teaching teams as part of the Student Enhancement and Empowerment team. She will be in our classroom to support our students in the areas of social and emotional, medical, cultural and academic development. Miss Leschke will work collaboratively with teachers across the school, parents and caregivers to provide high-quality student centered support.

Miss Leschke's email is elesc0@eq.edu.au



HOME STUDY

Students will be asked to complete small tasks and projects at home which will complement their in class learnings. More information will be sent home when the learning opportunities arise.

HOME READING

Please encourage your child to read for **15 - 20 minutes EVERY day**. They can read a variety of texts including; magazines, books, webpages etc.

ENGLISH

This term students are writing narratives, detailing a piece of Australia's First Fleet history.

MATH

This term students are focusing on the solving problems involving time duration, fluency with multiplication facts, interpretation of maps and developing mathematical mental and writing strategies to solve problems.

HEALTH & PE

Students will be learning how to interact positively with others and working cooperatively when applying rules in basketball. Students will refine their fundamental movement skills and apply movement concepts and strategies in a variety of basketball activities and solve movement challenges.

Term One Learning Overview (Year 4)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

This term students are exploring the geological history of Australia and how the surfaces have changed over time as a result of natural process and human activity.

HASS

Students are exploring the diversity of Australia's first peoples and their connection to country. They will also explore the stories of European explorations to Australia and how it impacted Aboriginal and Torres strait Island Peoples way of living.

THE ARTS

Students will be learning about different roles and characters can use their voice and make different movement styles to create focus and tension. The students will also be developing their Music skills including rhythm, pitch, dynamics, expression and aural skills.

KEEP IN TOUCH



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Solar System /How Scientific developments have affected people's lives.

HASS

Values and process of democracy and roles in Australia's legal system -> What legal system could be used for a space colony on the moon?

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