Dear Parents and Caregivers
Welcome to 4D. I trust you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are now looking forward to sharing an exciting and productive Term 1. I am looking forward to working with you and your children and feel certain that we will share many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the months ahead.

As you are probably aware, there will be a Class Information Evening early this term to provide you with information about the year ahead. This will begin at 7pm in the Year 4 classroom next Tuesday 2nd February. To assist you in the time leading up to that evening I will briefly outline some introductory information.

Books
I will send your child’s exercise books and Maths textbooks home this Friday to be covered. Please cover the textbooks in clear contact and the exercise books in either coloured or clear contact. It would be greatly appreciated if all of the books could be returned to school on the following Monday. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Supplies
Rulers, glue sticks, erasers, a white board marker, a red pen and highlighters will be provided by the school as required but your child will need to bring the following items:

- 2 HB lead pencils
- School sport bag
- Textas (optional)
- Colouring pencils
- A library bag
- A pencil case
- Scissors
- A pencil sharpener (preferably with a barrel to store the shavings)

Also, your child is most welcome to bring in a standard sized cushion from home (Pillow Pets have been popular in the past). It is nice for them to have something special from home and they can use them to sit on and for their comfort during our quiet reading times (Comfy Time).

It would be appreciated if you could clearly mark your child’s belongings to ensure that they do not get lost.

PE and After School Sport
In Term 1 the children will be swimming during PE. Our day for PE is Friday. PE will begin in Week 2, please remind your child to wear their sport uniform on this day and to pack their swimming equipment. Also, please apply sunscreen each day before school during Term 1.

Afterschool sport will begin next week on Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. The students will swim on Mondays and if applicable, participate in their team sport training sessions on Wednesdays. They should wear their full summer uniform to school on both days but bring their sport uniform to get changed into (also swimming equipment on Mondays).

Swimming Carnival
In preparation for the Swimming Carnival, swimming heats will be held on Monday 1st February. All students should wear their sport uniform on this day and bring their swimmers in their sport bag. Also, the 100m Freestyle and 4 x 25m Medley will be held on Wednesday 3rd February. Only those children who feel they are capable of swimming these events should bring their swimmers. The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 12th February. Students should wear their sport uniform, including house shirts and plenty of sunblock to the Swimming Carnival.
Term 1 Uniform 4D
- Monday – full summer uniform (bring sport uniform and swimming equipment)
- Tuesday – full summer uniform
- Wednesday – full summer uniform (bring sport uniform if you participate in a team sport)
- Thursday – full summer uniform
- Friday – sport uniform (bring swimming equipment)

Before School Reading
Before School Reading will continue this year. Its success relies on parental assistance, any help would be greatly appreciated and the children love seeing their families at school too. It will begin next week, Monday to Thursday from 8:35- 8:55.

Homework
Homework will begin next Monday. It will generally include:
- Oral reading. Please listen to your child read for ten minutes every afternoon. Books and ‘sign-off’ sheets will be sent home in a clear folder and should be returned to school each day.
- Spelling. This will begin on Monday 8th February and should be returned to school each Friday.
- Maths – This will be sent home each Monday and should be returned to school each Friday. The children should complete one unit of maths each week (2 pages)
- Instrument practice – ten minutes each night.

Year 3/4 Camp
The students will be attending a camp at Lake Burrendong towards the end of February (week 5). This is a change of venue from our normal Year 3-4 camps, which have been held at Lake Canobolas for many years. It is certain to be a wonderful experience and a very enjoyable way for the children to begin participating in the school’s outdoor education program. I will provide you with more details at the Parent Information Evening.

Other Information
- Please send in a small cushion to school for your child to use during silent reading times or at other times.
- Please send in a book from home to read during silent reading times.
- Please send in a USB stick (8GB or bigger) so that digital copies of some work can be sent home for you to keep and enjoy.
- Library classes will begin next Monday. Please send your child with their library bag in order to protect the books.
- Friday 26th February – 4D will be running the assembly.
- Monday 1st February – Junior School swimming heats (sport uniform).
- Tuesday 2nd February – Parent Information Evening – 7pm, Year 4 classroom.
- Friday 12th February – Junior School Swimming Carnival (sport uniform – house shirts).
- Tuesday 16th February – Junior School picnic on the Oval.
- Monday 22nd February – Wednesday 24th February Lake Burrendong Camp

During the Parent Information Evening I will explain these items in more detail and answer any queries that you may have. I am looking forward to seeing you and to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely
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