

# Year four

## W23/22 & W13 Term 1 Overview 2023



Welcome to Year 4 in 2023! This year, students will continue to develop their curiosity, creativity and understanding in a positive learning environment. This year, we aim for students to become more self-directed, autonomous and have more agency about their learning. We will have a major focus on setting the year up for success by discussing the qualities of a team, different learning styles and learning experiences. We will also be looking at the school values and what they mean to us.

### English

This term we will be studying the text type of narrative. We will be analysing the structure and language features of a narrative. Students will then create their own narratives. Students will be developing their descriptive writing and effective use of direct speech.

Jolly grammar is the spelling program we implement at Mawson Lakes School. This will be completed daily where students will engage in learning tasks consisting of phonemes, graphemes, syllables and dictations each fortnight.

With guided reading being a major focus in the classroom, this term we will be developing comprehension strategies, fluency and vocabulary knowledge. This will be attained through the gradual release of responsibility, think aloud's, modeled reading and group discussions.

### Humanities and Social Science

This term in HASS, we will be focusing on Geography. Students will be developing their understanding of the main characteristics of the continents of Africa and South America and the location of their major countries in relation to Australia. They will analyse the importance of environments, including natural vegetation, to animals and people.

### Maths

This term we will be developing our number sense. We will be practising key skills and developing our problem-solving strategies when completing problematised situations. We will continue to learn about becoming mathematicians and using mathematics in everyday life. We will be investigating odd and even numbers and number sequences, recalling multiplication facts and applying place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers. We will do daily maths chats to promote discussion and fluency.

### Science

This term we will be beginning the year with biological science. We will be making and recording observations of living things as they develop through their life cycles. They will also have opportunities to describe and compare the stages of life cycles.

### Child Protection Curriculum

This term in CPC, the year 4 cohort will be looking at the theme: The right to be safe. The two focus topics are safety and risk taking and early warning signs. The students will have the opportunity to discuss and participate in a range of activities in a safe classroom environment.

### Specialist

Students will participate in specialist subject learning in the areas of Japanese, The Arts and Health and Physical Education. Please see the PE, Arts and Japanese newsletters for specialist subject learning in Term 1.

#### CALENDAR DATES

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7/2	Acquaintance Night	10/3	Student Free day
13/3	Public holiday	20/3-24/3	School interviews
6/4	Sports Day 2pm dismissal	7/4	Public holiday - Good Friday
10/4	Public holiday - Easter Monday	12/4	School photos
14/4	End of term - 2pm dismissal		

	W13	W22	W23
PE	Des	Michael	Des
Japanese	Wendy	Wendy	Wendy
Arts	Abby	Abby	Abby