Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4 2016. We hope you had an enjoyable rest and are ready for another exciting and busy year. We are looking forward to working together with you this year.

The following is an outline of this term’s content:

**Religious Education**
- St Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition with Missioning Rite
- Lent to Easter
- School Masses and Liturgies

**Mathematics**
- Whole number
- Addition & Subtraction
- 2D Space
- Patterns & Algebra
- Length
- Time
  - Tables are an essential part of mathematics and children need to aim for automatic recall. *Daily practise at home is essential.*

**English**
- Procedures and Explanations
- Spelling
- Handwriting / Word processing
- Guided and reciprocal reading
- Library: Thursday for both classes

**HSIE – History & Geography**
- With the introduction of the new H&G syllabus the school has decided to focus on Science in Term 1 followed by History in Term 2 and Geography later in the year. This will enable the staff to explore a deep understanding of the new syllabus and write units of work that will stimulate the students.

**Science**
- ‘Smooth Moves’ focuses on all the different ways things move and all the forces that act upon any given object. Experiments will be conducted to bring this unit alive!
- ‘Plants in Action’ focuses on plants and their development, investigating the process of pollination and germination, the stages of a plant’s life cycle, and environmental conditions that plants need for growth. Experiments will be conducted to bring this unit alive!

**PDHPE**
- PE
  - Year 4 will participate in Primary Sport on a Thursday – the activity this term is Gymnastics
  - Year 4 have PE on Wednesdays
- PDH
- Drugs Affect Me / Keeping Safe
- PBL Focus for each week
**Visual Arts**
- **Music/Drama** – Year 4 have this on Wednesdays
- **Visual Arts** – We are exploring the art work of different cultures.

**Homework**
- Is given out on Fridays and returned on the following Thursday. The homework will come with an explanation sheet each week of what tasks need to be completed.
- Students **MUST** read for a minimum of 10 minutes *EVERY DAY/NIGHT*. Reading needs to be recorded and signed in the diary.

**General Housekeeping**
- Please provide a note of absence on the day the student returns.
- Please organise all parent/teacher interviews via the office. Please do not approach the classrooms directly. Communication through the diary is the easiest way to contact your child’s classroom teacher.
- Diary should be at school **EVERY DAY**.
- Any books that are taken home must be returned back to school the next day whether the work is completed or not.
- Would be beneficial if your child has a USB at school (please make sure it is labelled with their name).

We look forward to working closely with you in the education of your child.

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