



Principal - Craig Allibon

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Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Tayla Spinelli and I will be teaching your child this year. We have a very busy and exciting term planned. The topics we will cover in each Key Learning Area are as follows:

### **English:**

To begin this term 3/4 will begin by looking at persuasive writing and creating narrative. Students will be focusing on improving vocabulary, punctuation, and grammar techniques within their writing. On Tuesday mornings Mrs Terlich will be working with the students to further develop their comprehension skills.

For Spelling, students are grouped according to their spelling placement test. Students break into their spelling groups four times a week to follow the Spelling Mastery Program. This program helps students to understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns. Students are taught in small steps, using sufficient practice, so that they can comprehend how spelling works and can become proficient writers.

### **Maths:**

This term we will be undergoing fortnightly pre and post tests using Essential Assessment, which has direct links to the Australian Curriculum. Students will be then split into groups based on areas of need and will work with Miss Seidel, Mr Kent or myself on these targeted areas. We will begin this term by covering the following topics: Whole Number, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Decimals, Patterns and Algebra, 2D Space, Angles, 3D Space, Area, Length and Chance.

### **History:**

Students will investigate Australia's major natural and human features. They will explore the importance of "place" and the significance of "place" to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. They will investigate the uniqueness of the Australian continent and how the Australian continent is divided into states and territories. This will be taught by Miss Seidel every Tuesday afternoon.

### **Personal Development/Health/Physical Education:**

In Personal Development and Health students will be working through the Stage 2: Child Protection Education Unit of work, My right to be safe. Students will identify and support the rights of themselves and others, recognise the importance of trust in relationships and identify sources of support to manage the changes associated with puberty. situations. They will also consider the impact abuse and bullying can have on someone and explore positive ways to respond when abuse has occurred.

Students will participate in a range of sports that help them to develop and strengthen their fundamental movement skills.

**Science:**

Students will be learning that living things all have certain characteristics. They will use these characteristics to differentiate between living and non-living things. They will group plants and animals by their observable features. This unit involves the students working scientifically and using scientific thinking. This will be taught by Mrs Terlich every Wednesday afternoon.

**Creative Arts:**

In Creative Arts this term we will be linking activities to different learning areas. We will be looking at a range of artists and experimenting with a variety of different tools and techniques.

**Library:**

Students will attend weekly library sessions on a Monday to borrow their books.

**Home Learning:**

A Homework grid will be handed out each Monday starting next week and should be returned each Friday. If you have any concerns about home learning, please contact me. Homework should not be a major battle or source of stress in the household.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on ClassDojo.

Yours in Education

Miss Tayla Spinelli  
CLASS 3-4 TEACHER

