

## Curriculum



Welcome to Year Four and another year at Windaroo State School.

We would like to welcome Charlotte Leman to Year Four. She has experience in teaching and is able to cater to students and their differing needs. We're looking forward to seeing what she brings to the Year Four team!

In Term 1, students will develop routine and focus on the fundamentals of English, Mathematics and other Key Learning Areas.

In **English** students will write a narrative. Considering they have already written a narrative in Year Three, they will need to develop their skills in Year Four. Sentence structure is therefore a focus, as well as how they have conveyed a message. Students will learn how to read a text and respond to a variety of questions in a program that is tailored to their needs. Students will do this in small groups with an aide.

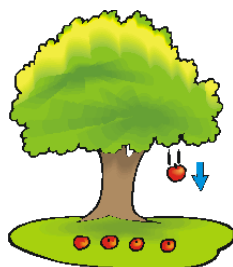
In **Mathematics** students will look at place value, addition and subtraction and briefly, multiplication. In Term 1 students need to focus on and improve mental computation. They will therefore look at and use a range of mental and written strategies. There will be opportunities for students to solve problems involving two operations (+-). One-step and two-step problems will be introduced to students and they will develop their use of relative strategies.

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This term in **Science**, the students will be learning about living things. Students will look at the lifecycle of living things and how the environment can affect it.

Students will identify whether something is prey or a predator. They will then discuss how this can affect the lifecycle of a living thing.

As a part of this unit and to help students understand the lifecycle, they will plant sunflowers in the garden bed outside the science room. Students often enjoy this as they can watch the plants grow and see their beauty.



In our **Health** unit students will look at and discuss the importance of nutrition. Students will look at the value of carbohydrates, fats and protein in our diet. Students will then look at the link between diet and exercise. With their understanding of this, they will write a meal plan that has suggestions of different exercises that they could suggest to a friend.

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Our school is very fortunate to have specialist teachers for some curriculum areas. For Year Four, these teachers are:

**Digital Technology**  
with Miss Donnelly

**Music**  
with Mrs Nabbs

**PE/ Swimming**  
with Miss Shaab

**Science**  
with Mrs Maurice or Mrs Johnson

**Health**  
with Mrs McIntyre or Mrs Cope

## Swimming



Swimming will be held in weeks 8 and 9 of Term 4. This forms our PE for the term and is an important life skill. All students are encouraged to attend these lessons – 1 lesson per day for 2 weeks – 10 lessons in total. The approximate cost of this is between \$80 and \$90. We want to make you aware of this now, but more information about these lessons will be sent home in a letter as the time approaches.

## Camp

Next year, students will go to Camp Goodenough. Windaroo has been going to this camp for many years and students love it! It's great! This will be invoiced to you in Term 4. This will cost approximately \$260.

## General Information



With it being such a busy term, attendance is very important. This also includes getting to class on time especially in the mornings. Students walking in after the 9:00am bell goes, can disrupt lessons, as well as feel 'lost' as the first lesson would have already started. This is particularly the case when there are multiple students coming in late. Missing school altogether means lost learning time and also makes the completion of assessment tasks difficult. Parent/caregiver assistance in maintaining student attendance will be appreciated.

## Homework

It is crucial that the children practise their spelling, number facts and reading at home. Please support the teachers with this at home. Please contact your child's teacher if homework causes you problems at home. It is an expectation of this school that students do homework.

Students have access to the online sites of Reading Eggs for reading and Mathletics for maths, which offer other homework resources. These selected sites allow students to work at their own level and at their own pace, so each student can progress individually with support and success. All students have been issued with personal passwords to access these secure sites. Access is also available in classrooms on our class iPads and lunchtimes in our Labs. Using correct handwriting form is expected.

