Welcome to the back end of year 4! There are some subject changes and a couple of new faces around Sherwood this term and, as always, our keys dates to be aware of. Please let your child’s teacher know if you have any questions.

**iPads in the Classroom**

As a school we have revisited the importance of using technology safely and responsibly this week. This has included going over our student checklist for responsible technology use in the classroom.

A copy of the Student checklist has been included for your interest.

**Key Dates**

Trivia Night – Saturday 20th July

P & C meeting – 29th July

Genes for Jeans Day – 2nd August

Ekka public holiday – 14th August

National Day of Action Against Bullying (wear orange) – 16th August

Book week assembly 9:00am – 22nd August

Pupil Free Day – 30th August

What’s in the bin? School Incursion – 2nd September

Wear it Purple Day – 2nd September

Parent Teacher Interviews – 3rd September

Teacher contacts

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& Ms Emma Harford Birkett

Subject outlines

English

Students listen to, read and explore a variety of historical texts including historical and literary recounts written from different people’s perspectives.

Maths

In this unit, students have opportunities to develop understandings of the following:

Number and place value, Fractions and Decimals, Location and Transformation, Using Units of Measurement, Shape, Patterns and Algebra.

Science  
In this unit, students will explore natural processes and human activity that cause weathering and erosion of Earth's surface. Students relate this to their local area, make observations and predict consequences of future occurrences and human activity.

HASS

 In HASS this Semester, students will explore the concept of ‘place’ with a focus on Africa and South America.

**Homework**

 Reading

15 minutes of reading per night with a book of their choice at a ‘just right’ level (not too hard, not too easy).

English Skills Workbook

Workbook designed to target various conventions of English. 4 days completed per week at home to be marked at school.

Optional

 Mathletics

Complete the weekly set tasks aligned with the concepts being covered in class.

**Specialist Subjects**

**Media Arts** Ms Riley Mackenzie [rxmac3@eq.edu.au](mailto:rxmac3@eq.edu.au)

Students explore media artworks that inform the making of a collaborative television-style advertisement, which persuades a targeted audience to protect an imaginary place or endangered animal.

**Health and Physical Education** Mr Peter Simons [psimo2@eq.edu.au](mailto:psimo2@eq.edu.au)

Students refine fundamental movement skills and apply movement concepts and strategies in a softball setting. They create and perform movement sequences using the fundamental movement skills of throwing, catching and ball striking. In Health, students learn about cyber safety, cyberbullying and online protocols. They explore the importance of demonstrating respect and empathy in online relationships. They learn about young people's use of digital technologies and online communities.

**Digital Technologies** Mr Rob Read [rread9@eq.edu.au](mailto:rread9@eq.edu.au)

**What’s for lunch? *(Design and Technologies)***

In this semester’s unit, students investigate food and fibre production and food technologies used in modern and traditional societies. They design a food product of the future and its sustainable, edible packaging, considering modern and traditional technologies, and potential technologies of the future.

**Chinese**  Ms Teresa Zheng [xxzhe1@eq.edu.au](mailto:xxzhe1@eq.edu.au)

In this unit students will use language to explore the different representations of characters in traditional stories.

**Music**  Mrs Julie Nearhos [jknea4@eq.edu.au](mailto:jknea4@eq.edu.au)

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Specialist classes

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|  | **4D** | **4R** | **4SH** | **4CH** |
| **HPE** | **Monday** | **Monday** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** |
| **Music** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** |
| **Drama** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** |
| **Chinese** | **Thursday** | **Thursday** | **Thursday** | **Thursday** |
| **Technology** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** | **Monday** | **Monday** |
| **Library Borrowing** | **Monday** | **Friday** | **Tuesday** | **Tuesday** |