



**HARVEST HOME
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Balam Term 1 Community Newsletter

Key Dates



Friday 8th March
Years 4-6 Together on Friday



Monday 11th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 21st March
Harmony Day

Friday 22nd March
Ride 2 School Day



**Whole School Together
on Friday**

Wednesday 27th March
Badge Trade for Prizes



Community Maths Games
Afternoon 3:15pm -4:30pm



Thursday 28th March
*Last Day of Term 1
2:30pm Finish*

Term 2 begins
Monday April 15th

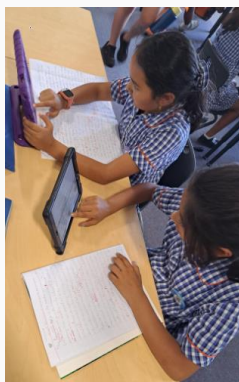
Welcome back! It has been an exciting start to Year 4, our students have enjoyed engaging in many fun activities to begin the term. We have revisited our school values of 'Being Respectful', 'Being Safe' and 'Being Your Best', students are continuing to show these to receive lots of hero points and badges.



Writing

To begin the year, students have been working on authentic writing tasks. Students have showcased their wonderful writing skills across a range of genres such as narratives, persuasive texts and recount.

Moving forward, our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to explore narrative writing, from planning and drafting, to revising, editing and publishing their narratives. Throughout this process students will be exposed to different techniques and will use many mentor texts to engage their readers, employing ambitious vocabulary, descriptive language and elements of suspense to create compelling stories.





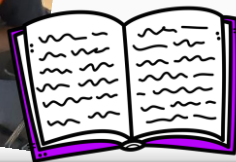
Reading



This Term, students will be focusing on reading fiction texts. They will be working towards understanding and remembering the events in texts, as well as discussing and articulating key concepts such as; character development, inferencing and big ideas. They will develop these skills through building their reading stamina and sharing their ideas within small groups.

In the community we will begin to celebrate students' nights of reading and remind families to help their children to record this in their student diaries. Students can utilise Take Home books and have access to online subscriptions such as; Reading Eggs and Sunshine Online. Community library borrowing will start up again early Term 2 so stay tuned!

We look forward to growing a love of reading together!



Students in Balam have been building their Reading Stamina each day.



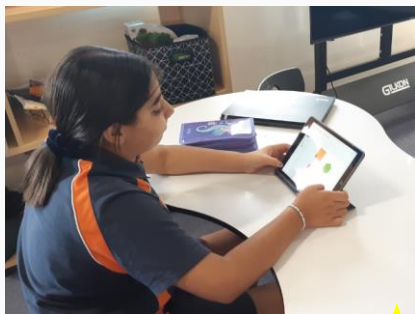
Numeracy



During Numeracy this term, students will explore a range of topics through problem solving tasks, explicit teaching, games and puzzles, as well as reasoning activities. They will be required to show their thinking and explain their answers in all areas to demonstrate their understanding. Students will be exploring the following Numeracy topics throughout Term 1:

- Counting patterns, including patterns counting by 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9
- 2D and 3D shape, including comparing the features of 2D shapes and 3D objects, as well as combining and splitting shapes
- Place value, including recognising, representing and ordering numbers to at least tens of thousands
- Equivalent number sentences using addition and subtraction
- Symmetry, including creating symmetrical pictures and finding symmetry in the environment.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful achievements in Numeracy this term!



Students working on their composite shape pictures during Numeracy!



Home Learning



All students have been provided with weekly opportunities to bring home a take-home reader through the school's 'Show and Swap' process. Students are expected to engage in daily reading sessions for the recommended duration of 30 minutes. Actively listening to your child read aloud is not only valuable for families but also aids in the continuous celebration of their reading progress. Upon completion of each book, it is imperative to record the reading session in your child's student diary. Kindly note that all students at HHPS are required to have a reading satchel to borrow a book.

Students will gain access to the 'At Home Learning Module' during week 6, via their Google Classroom. This module focuses on the topic of 'Symmetry' and will involve creating symmetrical patterns, pictures, and shapes with and without digital technologies. Designed with students' needs in mind, these modules are easily accessible and self-paced, allowing students and their families to collaborate on the tasks at a convenient time.

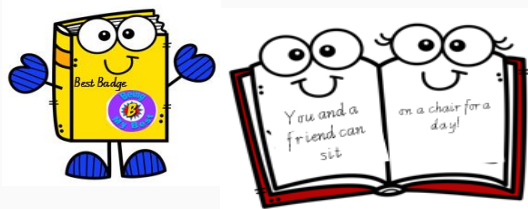
In the area of Numeracy, your child is presently working towards achieving a goal. We kindly request that your child dedicates a minute or so each night to practising this goal.

All students have access to our online programs which include:

Reading Eggs: <https://readingeggs.com.au/>

Sunshine Online: <https://library.sunshineonline.com.au/login/student>

Mathletics: <https://login.mathletics.com/>



Example of how to fill in the Reading Diary! Students gain rewards for their efforts!

Inquiry

Being Safe
Online



During Term 1 students will participate in weekly lessons where they will be exploring how to be safe online at home and at school. They will learn how to communicate respectfully on different online platforms and explore safe choices when using technology. During these activities students will complete tasks that involve them practising these skills through role plays, group work and individual tasks, where they will be able to collaborate to share ideas and learn alongside each other.

Balam Specialist Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Change Readers		Change Readers	4E Mindfulness
	4E- Art and Science	4E STEAM		4F- Spanish
	4F-STEAM and Art	4F- PE	4E – PE	4G- STEAM
	4G- Spanish and PE	4G- Mindfulness	4F- Science	4H- Science
	4H- STEAM and Spanish	4H- Mindfulness	4G- Science	
			4H- PE	