

# BIRRALEE NEWS

Welcome back to TERM 4 – 2018

**Relationships**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Resilience**

Dear Parents,

Well, we survived a hectic Term 3 with Science Night, Book Week, Athletics Day and of course the biggie, Hey Hey its Chelsea. Term 4 will be just as busy. The most exciting event of Term 4 is, of course, camp and we were all thrilled that the students embraced and enjoyed their stay at Coastal Forest Lodge. There are a few items of lost property in the Birralee if you are still missing things.

**Literacy** – Some of the CAFE strategies covered this term are: author’s purpose, identifying how texts are organised and inferring and recognising the difference between the ‘big idea’ and interesting details. This term we have a big push on reading fluency and this will also be a constant in the homework rubrics. Our writing this term will start off with recount and will be followed by persuasive. We will continue to explicitly teach ‘ideas’, ‘voice’, ‘word choice’, ‘organisation’ ‘sentence fluency’ and ‘conventions’ while exposing the students to rich literature through mentor texts.

**Numeracy** - In Term 4 we kick off with fractions, decimals & percentages. Tasks will be assigned on Mathletics for homework and we encourage all the students to dedicate some regular time to this so as to reinforce the classroom learning. We will then cover money, algebra & patterns and time & temperature. Some good hands on learning this term.

**Inquiry – Our Island Home.** Students will be engaged in making connections with the geographical world as they learn about different environments, climate zones and natural vegetation. They will learn about Australia’s neighbouring countries and about changes caused by adding and removing heat, and heat conductivity. They will work in groups as they consider the location, climate, and values of their own artificial island nation.

**PE/Sport** – This term we will concentrate our skill development in forehand and two-hand side arm striking. Our Sports program will be the summer sports; cricket, bat tennis and t-ball which will complement our PE sessions. Year 4’s Bike Ed will be held in Week 10 and will be done with the Year 5s; this will form part of this year’s transition program.

**Homework** – The term’s first homework rubric was issued yesterday and there are many opportunities to write and reflect on camp. Please encourage your child to complete their homework, especially the Mathletics component.

Kind regards,

## TERM FOUR

### Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 17/10 -

**Light it Red for Dyslexia**

Friday, 19/10 - **Walk to School Breakfast**

Tuesday, 30/10 -  
**KOREAN DAY**

Tuesday, 6/11 -  
**MELBOURNE CUP DAY**

Friday, 9/11 -  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**

Friday, 23/11 - **1<sup>st</sup> Step Up Day**

Friday, 30/11 - **2<sup>nd</sup> Step Up Day**

W/Commencing - 3/12  
**BOOK FAIR**

Friday 7/12 - **3<sup>rd</sup>. Step Up Day**

Tuesday, 11/12 -  
**Statewide Transition**

Wednesday, 12/12 -  
**Christmas Concert**

Monday 17/12 -  
**Lifesaving**

Friday 21/12 - **FINAL ASSEMBLY – 1:30**

# The Birralee Team