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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome your child to Year 4 and we look forward to sharing many exciting learning experiences with them during 2009.

This term our unit will be 'The Olden Days.' We will focus on the changes in daily life since the settlement of Australia and compare and contrast this to our current lifestyle.

Some of the highlights of this term happen on our visit to Caboolture Historical Village, where the children will pump water, wash clothes, use a mangle, see a blacksmith at work, and experience other activities from the past.

During this unit the students will research and improve upon a toy from the past, make a pioneer hut, and also experience some handicrafts that were popular. [Stitchery is already a hit with many of them!]

- Language
- Mathematics
- Morning Session is run each day between 10:00am and 10:30am. Students are responsible for presenting an item once a week. The day on which the students present on does not change but they will be organising a different item each week.
- Reading Groups have started and students may change groups throughout the term depending on our focus.
- Spelling – We will be using the 'Words Their Way' spelling program that is being utilised throughout the school. This program requires the students to sort their spelling words and write them each night for homework after the initial spelling lesson. Testing will occur approximately once a week.

Homework

In Year 4 it is expected that the children borrow 4 books from the library for reading at home. Homework will be in 'grid' format and will be due each fortnight [Every second Friday.] There will also be spelling words to learn, sort and write out throughout the week. Your child should spend approximately 20 minutes per night completing their homework. If there is a problem please see us.

The parent information sessions are on the 11th February 2009. (6:00pm and 6:30pm)

We are looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

If you cannot attend please let us know and we will arrange for handouts to go home with your child.

We hope this letter gives you an indication of the work to be covered this term. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

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