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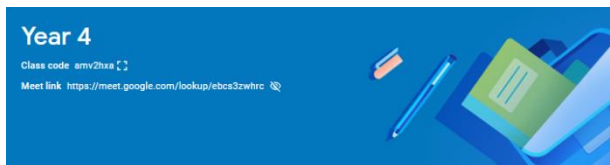
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Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

Remote learning will continue for the first four weeks of Term 4. We will be continuing online learning from Tuesday 5 October. Students can return to onsite learning from Monday 1 November (Week 5, Term 4).



Listed below are a few key elements that we will be using to support children and families as we continue to learn remotely:

- We will continue to use the **Google Classroom Platform** to deliver our educational programme. Work will be assigned to the Year 4 Google Classroom for all Year 4 students. Daily 'assignments' will continue to be posted at 8:30am, including specialist lessons.
- **Google Meets** will continue to be a key component of our classroom. These Meets will occur daily at 9.00am for each class. This is an important social connection for the entire class and all students are encouraged to join. **The link to access the Google Meet will be posted in the STREAM 5 minutes before the Meet begins.**
- Please ensure that your child responds to the 'check in' form before **10am** each day. If a child doesn't respond in the space an absence notification will be sent to you.
- Following the daily Google Meet, there are additional opportunities to converse with a teacher. A Year 4 teacher is available each day between 9.30 - 10am for students to ask questions regarding their work. We are adding some additional Google Meets in the afternoons to further support students. More information about this will be provided to students next term.
- Year 4 teachers will continue to provide daily **feedback** to students when they 'hand in' their assignment each day. We encourage students to review the comments made as they suggest ways in which students can improve their work.
- Teachers will continue to assess students' work during the remote learning period. Ongoing assessment is important for improving learning and ensuring teachers know what each student's next steps in learning should be. Teachers will be using a range of strategies and tools to help students engage in their learning, provide them with feedback and assess them against the learning as they go. Assessment may look slightly different than it did in the classroom, however it's still happening and teachers can judge how well a student is learning, albeit remotely.

- We will use **Seesaw** and **email** to communicate with parents and carers. We will continue to post a weekly Seesaw post on Sunday evening to summarise the learning for the upcoming week and alert you to any additional materials or supports the students may need.
- The **Specialist Teachers** will provide class work for your child via Google Classroom during remote learning. Your child's class teacher will include the work as part of the daily schedule, once for the week. The work can be done anytime that suits you and your child during the week. Time:20- 30 minutes maximum for each subject.

The specialist teaches want you and your children to enjoy being together and you are welcome to adapt the work as you see fit to suit your circumstances. For the fast finishers, remember there are extra resources, suggestions for structuring your child's day and details on how to access eBooks, the Cultural Institution website activities and the ABC, on the Education Directorate Learning Resources page:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/act-home-learning/resources/ebook-library>

- We will continue to make 'check-in' phone calls with each family on a rotational basis. We (including Mr Robson, who had joined our team during this Remote Learning) really just want to show our support to all our families and reach out to see how you are all doing.

Our biggest message today to all families is to please look after yourselves and each other. Don't let a reading lesson or a maths task cause any undue stress. If it isn't working, forget the lesson. It is okay. Go and play a boardgame, take the dog for a walk or just have a cuddle. Start fresh the next day.



We thank you for your time, effort and support for your children and for us as teachers. Your kind words, thoughts and ideas have been greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing this exciting adventure with all of you next term. As always if you need to contact us, email is our preference.

Take care and stay well,

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