

31 January 2019

Dear Parents

Introduction Letter – 4HT, 4J, 4C

Welcome to Year 4 for 2019! We are so excited to be working with you and your children in what promises to be a very engaging, rich year of learning. We have been busy planning some great activities and are certain that God will be guiding us as we work together to train your children in the ways of the Lord. Our prayer is that we all grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus and our ability to live in community with each other.

Year 4 is an important year in the academic life of your child. We will be further developing our reading, writing, comprehension, mathematics and handwriting skills and will expand into new ways of expressing and sharing our learning. We will enjoy exploring the areas of History, Geography, Science, Creative and Practical Arts and Sport.

Weekly Routine (NOTE: instrument tuition day TBA)

Monday	Homework sent home (due Friday) 4C, 4J Library (Mrs Watson) – bring library bag and any library books
Tuesday	All classes Music (Mrs Burrell) – bring instrument and music – both to be allocated shortly
Wednesday	4HT Art (Mrs Morton) all art equipment supplied
Thursday	All classes Sports Uniform (PE with Miss Hammond) 4C, 4J Art (Mrs Morton) all art equipment supplied 4HT Library (Mrs Watson) – bring library bag and any library books
Friday	All classes Sport Uniform (Sport day) Homework due for checking and marking Assembly – from 2.00pm in the Performing Arts Space (PAS)

Stationery Requirements

Children will be expected to have all of the following stationery items with them at school each day from the beginning of **Week 2**. Storage is an issue for very large pencil cases so we ask that children have **one smallish pencil case**, containing everyday items and coloured pencils. Please do not allow your child to bring excessive amounts of stationery to school as it can be very distracting and time wasting. Superfluous stationery will be sent home.

Everyday Pencil Case (smaller than 30cm x 20cm) – please label all items

- Four sharp HB or 2B pencils. Most children use or lose pencils regularly. Please ensure that you have an adequate supply at home so that there isn't a delay in bringing in new ones to school when needed. No novelty pencils please.
- Eraser, pencil sharpener (with shavings holder).
- Two blue ball point pens. We will be working towards gaining our pen-licenses this year so many children may soon be writing in pen. Erasable pens are popular and useful.
- Two red ball-point pens
- Clear 30cm ruler (a clear ruler is much easier to use for measuring)
- Two solid glue sticks (not liquid glue)
- Set of coloured pencils
- Set of inexpensive ear phones for iPad use
- Scissors

Exercise Books

We have prepared the appropriate book covers with the children in class and are sending them home for **clear** protective covering (this helps extend the longevity of the books). Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated. Please ensure that the final cover is neat and durable. Books need to be returned by the beginning of Week 2.

Please also provide a **box of tissues and a packet of baby wipes** which will be used by the class over the year.

School hats and raincoats need to be at school every day of the year and kept in school bags.

All of the above need to be clearly named with a permanent marker.

Homework Expectations

Homework contracts will be sent home on Mondays and homework is to be returned on Fridays. Homework contracts begin in Week 2.

Parent Involvement Program (PIP)

We really value parental involvement in class activities. If you are able to assist in any way (as part of your PIP hours), we will be discussing these options at the Parent Information Evening. NB To work with children, it is a requirement that you have completed a **Working With Children Check** and have returned the registration number to the School Office. You must also complete a Volunteer's Code of Conduct Form. Details regarding both of these are on the website.

Class Parents

The role of the class parent is to assist the teachers and foster community across the grade. Shortly, they will be working out contact lists to share amongst the class. Please advise us if you do not wish for any of your details to be included. We will be able to introduce the class-parent in due course.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we begin this year at Covenant. We look forward to a great year teaching your children and helping them to grow in their knowledge of God and their love for learning.

Yours in the service of Christian education

Mrs C Holman/Mrs A Tripet
4HT Teacher

Mrs K Clarke
4C Teacher

Mr J Hii
4J Teacher

Mr W Morton
Deputy Principal, Junior School