Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an amazing start to term four! We had a great excursion to Naturescape at Kings Park, and got to do some wonderful hands on investigating to see what macrobiotic creatures live in and around the water. Water is our theme for the term and I hope the students will learn about the many ways water impacts us, and all life on Earth. We will be having a follow up excursion to the Avon River, behind the school. I have included an excursion permission slip in this newsletter to allow us to continue our investigation into water living creatures and the health of our local waterways. If you would like to be a part of this local excursion please express your interest in the permission slip.

**Key Dates for Term 4**

- Book Fair – 29th-31st October
- In school trip to a local wetland – Friday 1st November
- Interschool Spelling Bee- Friday 15th November
- T20 Cricket Cup – 28th November
- Class Science Fair – 13th December
- Presentation Evening – 18th December
- Students Last Day of School – 19th December

**Behaviour**

With reporting time just around the corner I know that the students will continue to work hard for the remainder of the year. It is always a very enjoyable term in the count down until Christmas, however the students will need to remember their behaviour standards and follow the school rules in order to maintain their good standing. Students who do not maintain good standing will be unable to participate in whole school rewards. Our behaviour system remains the same for the term and I know that they will continue in the extremely well behaved manner that we have for the last three terms.

**Homework**

This aspect of the students schooling will also remain the same for term four. They have each got their own homework book with nightly activities and will also bring home a reading book. Continued oral reading for ten minutes per night will help the students develop fluency in their reading strategies, and it also helps parents to see how much of the text their child can comprehend. Discussing what has been read is always a great activity to do with your child.

**Music**

The music lessons for students in Years 1 – 6 will continue on Fridays during Term 4. Sessions will focus on:

(a) Performance of songs learned in Terms 1- 3, with the aim of being able to sing each one without needing song sheets
(b) Introduction of one, new song each week (from various sources including the “Sing” books)
(c) Use of the microphone, both individually and in small groups
(d) Use of instruments such as the xylophone, tambourine and recorder
(e) Written activities including music appreciation and notation.
Phys Ed - Wednesday Period 4    * Running shoes and water bottles required

This term I am focusing on soccer skills with the Junior Classrooms and cricket skills with the Upper Classrooms in preparation for the T20 Cricket Cup in York on the 28th of November for 16 of the Year 4-7 students.
Peter Hall - Deputy Principal

Health

*Drug Education – awareness of harmful and helpful drugs.
*Tobacco and caffeine information.
*Road safety – passengers, seatbelts, road crashes, pedestrians, decision making.
*Cycling, helmets and injury.

(All lessons will be based on the new SDERA Year 4 resource pack 2013.)

Technology and Enterprise

Students will continue to use the equipment, fabrics, threads and decorations needed for hand sewing. They will continue with last term’s A4 calico picture design showing details of an ancient civilisation before sewing a Christmas item.

Italian

We will be making pasta this term so food will be our main topic. Of course we will have to learn names of plates, etc. Christmas will also be our focus and we will learn all about Christmas in Italy.

IT

We will continue to improve our skills using Microsoft Word. We will be introduced to Microsoft Excel and we will learn how to create simple spreadsheets. We will also look at creating animations with the freeware available on the internet. We will continue to learn how to use email with bcc and cc. Touch Typing remains part of our program.

Class Excursion - To Avon River - Friday November 1st, 2013

* Note must be returned by Wednesday 30th October

I give permission for my child, ___________________, to walk from school to the Avon River within the Beverley Town Site.

Please tick the box if you would like to be involved in the class excursion to the Avon River on Friday 1st November. [    ]    Parent Name: ________________________

I have a net which I am able to send to school with my child for the purpose of catching small macroinvertebrates on the excursion.  Yes / No

Parent Signature: ________________________                        Date: _____________