

2023 Year 4 Class Handbook



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Year 4 Teaching Team



Hello, my name is Rebecca Altus and I would like to warmly welcome all families joining us in year four this year. This will be my fourth year teaching grade four at Immanuel Gawler. I live locally with my husband, Ashley, and my two children, Evanti and Theodore, who also attend Immanuel Gawler. We have a little dog named Cherry, a cat named Saber and two chickens called Ethel and Edna. My interests include spending time with my family, dance, singing, gardening, camping and crochet. I also enjoy travelling to new places and trying delicious food! Your child's wellbeing and education is of the utmost importance to me, and I am excited to work in partnership with you as your child grows throughout the year.



Hi, my name is Ben Jones, and I would like to welcome you to Year 4. This is my 12th year of teaching at Immanuel and my 5th year working in the Year 4 area. Before coming to Immanuel, I have taught at both Loxton Lutheran School and Redeemer Lutheran School (in Nuriootpa). I live at Roseworthy with my wife Jo and our 2 children Tyla and Max, who are both attending University this year. I enjoy lots of different forms of gaming (board/tabletop/video), camping and kayaking the Murray River. I am looking forward to sharing my passion for mathematics with the children this year and supporting them as they continue to develop as learners.



Hi, my name is Charmaine Strickland. I am excited to be part of the year 4 teaching team this year. I have been working as one of the LOTE teachers at Immanuel for the last four years. I am married with two beautiful boys Matayus and Oakley. Matayus is 7 years old and attends school here at Immanuel and Oakley is just about to start his kindy journey at Zion Lutheran preschool. Our family has recently purchased a caravan and we spend most of our spare time exploring different parts of Australia. I started my time at Immanuel as a PE teacher and I am still very passionate about sport, especially netball. I am looking forward to getting to know you all this year and feel blessed to be part of your child's learning journey.

1) Weekly Overview

Sports Uniform – Thursday and Friday

Formal – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Worship & Praise – Every Friday 10:30am

4 Altus/Strickland will be presenting in Term 3, Week 8

4 Jones will be presenting in Term 3, Week 4

Assembly – Monday 2:45pm in weeks 4 & 8 of each term

We will be presenting in Term 1, Week 8

Library – Tuesday

Music – Thursday

LOTE (languages other than English) – Tuesday

Sport – Thursday

2) Camp

Blurb: In year 4 we have a 3 day/2 night camp where we explore First Nations Australians' perspectives. This leads into our Unit of Inquiry about 'Who We Are' and will be valuable as we discuss connections to country and explore other First Nations Peoples.

Approx Camp Costs: \$335

3) Homework/Learning at home

The IB cites the following as the key elements of a good learning program: Knowledge, Skills, Concepts, Attitudes and Action. The Homework/'Learning at Home' routine in Year 4 is:

- We encourage reading aloud each night
- Practicing weekly spelling words
- Practicing times tables

4) Daily Routines

Prompt arrival is a school expectation. Students are to be at the classroom by 8:50 as learning starts at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or leaves before 3.25pm they will need to sign in/out via the front office.

Brainfood- Please pack a small snack of fresh/dried fruit and or vegetables to eat during brainfood. Please send this cut up into manageable pieces.

5) Who else is involved in your child's learning?

- LOTE: Mrs Charmaine Strickland
- Music: Mr. Dwayne Hueppauff
- Sport: Mr Richie Cochrane
- LSA (Lutheran Schools Assistant): Jenny Ridley

6) Special Events

Swimming – Term 1, week 7

Camp – Term 3

7) Communication

At Immanuel we use a variety modes to communicate. Here is a snapshot...

See Saw- See Saw is used to communicate student work and occasionally class information.

Monday memos (sent as an email)- whole school information is published weekly which is followed with class specific information.

Email- We understand meeting face to face is not always possible in which case Email is the next best option. See email address below.

Operoo- online (paperless) process used to communicate events (camps/excursions/ school events).

8) iPads

We aim to educate our students to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT. Year 4-6 expectations include;

- Communicating respectfully
- Being a safe user
- Being a responsible user

An Acceptable Use Agreement will be sent home shortly which needs to be signed by the students and a parent/caregiver.

All the best for 2023,

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