

2024 Year 4 Class Handbook



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Hi, I'm **Angie Eckermann**. I would like to welcome you to Year 4. It is an exciting time of learning for students as they begin to navigate the online world when they access individual iPads and the social world of friendships with the many responsibilities and emotions that come with these challenges and supporting students on this journey is important to me. Living on the Adelaide Plains, I support the dream of my husband Peter, and daughter Phoebe to breed Limousin Beef Cattle. We have three sons, Jacob Calum and Isaac, that complete the Eckermann picture when we get together for those precious family moments! I love walking; alone, with my border collie companion or with friends; wherever it takes me- to the beach, on country paths or just round in circles! I look forward to working with you all in 2024.



Hi, my name is **Pam Tilbrook**. I am excited to be a Year 4 teacher this year. I have been teaching for over 20 years in a range of teaching roles. I grew up in Tumbay Bay on the Eyre Peninsula and still enjoy visiting my family home when I need some fresh sea air and beach relaxation time! I have two brothers who are also teachers, so teaching runs in my family. I was married in 2019 and have a 4-year-old daughter named Kendra. Family time and our little family holidays are enjoyable for me. After being a Year 3 teacher in 2023, I feel very privileged to continue to strengthen the positive relationships I have developed with students and families and can't wait to begin my role as a Year 4 teacher.



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 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.

Introduction

In 2023 a strategic plan was developed and as a result of this process, which involved the school community, the following values were created; Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork. To promote our core values of Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork, our behaviour management policy is guided by the principles of; respect, safety, learning, care and kindness.

These words will be unpacked at a class level and over the coming days, weeks and months these will form an integral part of our school culture.

1) Weekly Overview

Both classes:

P.E. Uniform – Monday & Wednesday

Formal – Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Coffee club for Parents and Friends- Before Worship and Praise- Every Friday from 10.00am

Worship & Praise – Every Friday 10:30am

4T/S will present Term 1, Week 9 (Maundy Thursday) and **4E** Term 2, Week 3. (Pentecost)

Assembly – Monday 2:30pm in weeks 4 & 8 of each term

Year 4 combined will be presenting **Assembly Term 3, Week 8**

Library borrowing – Wednesday for both classes

Art – 4E: Wednesday, 11:15am // 4T/S: Wednesday, 10:30am

Music – 4E: Thursday, 2:30pm // 4T/S: Tuesday, 2:30pm

LOTE (Languages other than English) – 4E: Tuesday, 2:30pm // 4T/S: Thursday, 2:30pm

P.E. – 4E: Wednesday, 10:30am // 4T/S: Wednesday, 11:15am

2) Camp

Camp is a three day, two night experience in Year 4.

Activities at camp are based on experiential learning that encourage cooperation and group work. There are opportunities on camp to build confidence and explore risk taking, leadership and cooperation. Activities include Tower Challenge, Low Ropes, High Ropes, Giant Swing, Hiking and Archery, just to name a few.

Where: Glenhaven Park Campsite, Stockport.

Dates: Week 2 Term 3 - July 29 – August 2

Cost: The cost of camp depends on the number of students attending. We aim to keep it as close to \$300 as possible.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be unable to attend camp.

3) Homework/Learning at home

Our approach to homework focuses on how to best support student learning and how best to support parents. We recognise there are a variety of family situations, schedules and views on homework throughout the school. We value reading at home and will provide tasks for students which support their learning at school. This will include a mix of literacy, numeracy or inquiry tasks.

The Homework/'Learning at Home' routine in Year 4 encourages

- Reading the weekly connected text aloud regularly
- Independent reading for 20 minutes regularly
- Time tables quick recall (Check weekly email for the weekly focus)
- Heart word spelling practise regularly
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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.

The daily timetable has changed this year. Students will have a brain break at 10.05am which includes time to have a snack until 10.30. Lunch will be at 12 with eating time following play until 12.40pm. In the afternoon there will be a play break at 2.10pm to 2.30pm. Class dismissal remains at 3.25pm.

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

- LOTE & Classroom teacher on Fridays: Mrs Charmaine Strickland
- Music: Mr. Dwayne Hueppauff
- P.E. & Information Technology: Mr Richie Cochrane
- Art: Mrs. Fiona McDonald
- Wellbeing: Mrs. Heidi Gogoll and Rosie (Wellbeing Dog)
- Ministry & Mission Leader: Mr. Will Knott
- LSA (Lutheran Schools Assistant): Mrs. Jenny Ridley
- Gardening/ Kitchen: Mr. Andrew Tiller
- Support staff: Mr. Andrew Boesch, Mrs. Marianne Roberts, Mrs. Karren Loch
- Student teacher: Ash Barnes, Term 3

6) Special Events

Swimming-Gawler Aquatics Centre – **Term 1, Week 6 – Monday March 4 – Friday March 8.**

7) Communication

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

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

Monday memos (sent on Operoo)- 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 and weekly class memos. (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 2024,

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