Welcome to Term 4 in Year 4

Our learning for the term ahead:

Soils, Rocks, Minerals + Weather Events	Health and Safety	Storm Boy
In term 4, we will learn what soils, rocks and minerals are, and their everyday uses. We will discover how First Nations Peoples used these natural resources. We will also learn the difference between weather events, such as a heat wave, weather patterns, and climate; exploring how communities are affected by weather events.	We will review the importance of making safe, healthy and informed decisions, and the impact these decisions have on ourselves and others. As part of this, students will explore the persuasive techniques of advertisements. Students will practice coping strategies for dealing with change or challenging situations.	In term 4, we will read and unpack the rich illustrations and wonderful literary devices of **Storm Boy** by Colin Thieli. We will explore how authors use literary devices, wordplay and grammar to create imagery, evoke emotions and shape the reader's perspective of characters, settings, events and themes.

Reminders:

Please see your mentor teacher as your first point of contact.

Fidget tools & Squishies: A reminder that students are able to bring in one hand-sized squishy only, and this is to be used as a learning tool. These are not to be traded, sold or played with.

Hats: Hats are compulsory in term 4.

Important Dates:

Monday - 5th October - **Term 4 starts.**

Tuesday - 27th October - Whole school photo

Monday - 2nd November - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday - 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday - 30th November - Pupil Free Day

Friday - 18th December - **Last day of 2026.**

Water bottles - Please bring a named water bottle to school daily.

Fruit/Vegetable snack: Please have a fruit or vegetable snack in a separate container. As fruit-snack happens while students continue learning, smaller containers are easier for us to manage on the tables.

Home Reading: 20 minutes, 4 times per week. Please sign your child's student diary and bring it to school each Monday.

Student safety: Long hair needs to be tied up and jewellery (such as dangling earrings or necklaces) needs to be left at home, as these can get caught on surfaces.

Uniform: KPS logo jumpers must be worn; hoodies and jumpers with other logos or graphics are not permitted. Please no nail polish or false nails.