

## Year 5 Class Newsletter Term 3, 2015



Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 3! We had a busy, but fun time learning last term and we look forward to more of the same this semester. Here are some of the things we will be covering:

### **Religious Education**

Your child will be covering two more units this term as part of our Religious Education program. The first is titled 'We are called' and is a unit on Baptism and the second is a Confirmation unit with the title 'The Spirit Frees'. We will also have a class mass in Week 2.

### **Literacy**

In the first five weeks we will be completing work from the 'Rigby Literature Collections' series of books and during the second half of the term we will be conducting a novel study. We will investigate character development, setting and key events.

We will continue with our Literacy group activities four days a week. These activities include guided reading, comprehension skills, creative writing tasks and activities on the iPads.

### **Writing**

During the first five weeks we will be exploring the structure and purpose of recounts. The children will be writing a recount as part of History to explain the development of Australian colonies before 1901.

### **Spelling**

The children will continue to receive spelling homework each week with a new sound focus. During class they will be required to find the meanings of their spelling list words and write their words into interesting sentences.

## **Mathematics**

In mathematics we will continue to conduct investigations to build and develop your child's knowledge and understanding of the content. This term we will be conducting two investigations. The first is called 'Finals Fever' and will require the children to use their knowledge of decimals to solve a convoluted problem. The second investigation, titled 'Fair Weather', focuses on Statistics and Probability and will require the students to gather, read and interpret data and create graphs.

## **Science**

This term we are looking at the relationships between the Sun, Earth and Moon. We will explore the sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the planets and how shadows change throughout the day, linking these changes to the Sun's position in the sky.

## **History/ Society and Environment**

In History we will be studying early colonial life in Australia. The children will have an opportunity to read about what life was like for early settlers and the convicts right here in Western Australia.

## **Health**

Your child will explore the importance of eating a healthy, well-balanced diet. As part of this the children will need to create a healthy eating plan.



## **Homework**

Homework is given out on a Monday and due on Thursday morning. Following on from last term, the students will receive a homework grid each week, which explains their homework tasks. These include set tasks:

- Spelling: the children complete Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check.
- Reading- 20 minutes of Silent Reading each night and complete the reading log.
- Mathematics- the children complete a column in their *New Wave Mental* book each night.

The children are also required to record any house chores and physical activities completed throughout the week, along with the occasional Religion, Science or History activity.

## **Diary**

Please encourage your child to use their diary at home. Please sign your child's diary once per week. I will be checking your child's diary once per week at school. Please feel free to use the diary as a means to communicate with me.

## **Term 3 Calendar dates.**

29<sup>th</sup> July- Class mass

7<sup>th</sup> August- St Dominic's day

Week 6- Book Week

7<sup>th</sup> September- Holy Spirit Athletics Carnival

## **Year 5 Excursions**

26<sup>th</sup> August- Cambridge Library

27<sup>th</sup> August- Fremantle Prison

\*If you are available to assist on this excursion please let me know.

Looking forward to another great term!

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