

Year 5 Class Newsletter Term 4, 2015



Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 4! 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 'Relationship Restored' and is a unit on Penance and the second is an Advent unit with the title 'Helped by the word'. The Year Five class will also be coordinating the special friends and volunteers' whole school mass in week 7.

Literacy

This term we will be basing our Literacy program on Newspapers in Education. Each Tuesday each student will receive a *West Australian* newspaper and we will be exploring the fantasy/adventure story of *Bella and the wandering house*. This series will run throughout the term.

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 newspapers. The children will have the opportunity to write an article and contribute to a 'Class Newspaper'.

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 one investigation. It is titled 'Score a duck' and it focuses on chance and probability. We will also be revising and practicing the four operations of number.

Science

This term we are looking at the characteristics and uses of light. We will explore where light comes from and how different objects can cause light to act in different ways. Throughout this term we will be conducting experiments to help build our understanding.

History/ Society and Environment

In History we will be studying migration and the 'push' and 'pull' factors that caused migrants to come to Australia. We will also be learning about famous Australians and their influence on our country's history. We will finish off by learning about native and introduced species of plants and animals.

Health

Your child will explore the importance of physical activity. As part of this your child will create a motivational video to inspire others to become active.



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.

25th November- Special friends and volunteers' whole school mass.

30th November- Team games carnival

11th December- Whole school mass/ Final day for students.

*There will be many other events that pop up along the way but I'll keep you in the loop with our weekly updates.

Year 5 Incursions

15th October- Year 5 and 6 Cyber-safety Incursion

16th October- Year 3-6 World of Math's Incursion.

Looking forward to another great term!

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