



Year Three Newsletter

Term 3



Dear Parents,

Welcome to second semester! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a very busy term 3!

Important Dates for your calendar:

Wednesday 27th July: Reconciliation Parent Information evening @ 7pm in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 2nd August: Year 3 Bishops' Literacy Practice Assessment

Wednesday 3rd August: St Dominic's Day whole school mass

Friday 5th August: St Dominic's Day Lapathon and mini fete

Wednesday 10th August: Year 3 Bishops' Literacy Assessment

Tuesday 16th August: Year 2/3 choir perform at the Vasto Club/ Balcatta. Leave school at 1.45pm, return at 4pm

Wednesday 17th August: Reconciliation at 9am, morning tea to follow in the hall

Friday 26th August: Balls, Throws and Jumps

Monday 29th August: Spelling Competition

Tuesday 30th August: Year 3 Excursion to Scitech

Tuesday 6th September: Guild Athletics Carnival

Tuesday/ Wednesday 13th & 14th September: School Photos

Monday 19th September: Interschool Athletics Carnival

Thursday 22nd September: Final Day for students

Religious Education:

We begin with the unit 'Christian Conscience' which supports our preparation for Reconciliation in week 5. Our second unit for the term will be 'Water of Life'- Baptism.

Please see the attached letters, which outline the content of each unit, as well as suggestions for supporting your child in their learning of these topics.

The children will be completing the Bishops' Literacy Assessment on Wednesday the 10th August. This is an assessment focusing on the Religious education concepts and understandings taught in year 1, 2 & 3, and this year, will be completed online.

Literacy

This term, we will again engage in a variety of informational & fictional texts to support our learning outcomes of reading, writing, viewing and listening & speaking, with a particular emphasis on texts relating to our class theme of Earth and Beyond.

Literacy Groups: The students will continue to participate in both whole class and small group activities as part of their Literacy learning. Literacy groups will continue to run 4 mornings per week, for 30 minutes a day. During this time, children will engage in activities for guided reading, comprehension, spelling and grammar.

Spelling and Grammar: We will be completing units 21-30 of the Soundwaves program this term. Soundwaves focuses on a new phoneme each week and incorporates various word study concepts into each unit of work. We will also complete one unit of 'Grammar Conventions' each week. Each grammar unit has been chosen to align with the concepts being covered in Soundwaves, as well as the writing genres being focused on.

Writing: In writing, we will explore the structure and purpose of informational reports, recounts and different types of poetry such as haiku, cinquain poems, limericks, acrostic poems and shape poems. The children will have a go at drafting, editing and publishing each of these text types and will receive opportunities to orally present/ recite various types of poetry to the class.

Reading: We will have a specific focus on reading comprehension strategies this term, with explicit teaching of skills such as inferring, skimming & scanning, using context clues to make meaning, summarising, finding the main idea and comparing/ contrasting information. We will practise applying these skills across all learning areas.

News

Our news program will change this term. Each Monday morning, 3 children will randomly be selected to tell 'free choice' news to the class that week. It is your child's responsibility to make a day and time with me to present their news to the class. By the end of the term, all children will have had the opportunity to do whole class news. There will be a variety of other opportunities for discussion and 'listening and speaking' activities throughout the course of the term.

Mathematics:

Mathematics will continue to be taught daily and will focus on the areas of Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. The children will also participate in mental mathematics activities on a daily basis. Specific concepts which will be focused on this term will be:

Number & Algebra:

- 6 and 7 x tables as well as continued revision of 2,3,4,5,10 and 11 x tables
- Number patterns
- Back tracking (using the 'inverse rule' to help solve problems)
- Split method of multiplication
- 2 by 1 digit multiplication (with and without regrouping)
- Division
- Modelling fractions and fractions as division (e.g. what is $\frac{1}{3}$ of 9?)

Measurement and Geometry:

- Clocks: past and to the hour
- Units of time: seconds, minutes, hours, days & weeks, months, years
- Calendars

Statistics and Probability:

- Organising graphs and Interpreting Data
- Column graphs and Picture graphs



Integrated Studies:

- Society and Environment

This semester, we commence our work on the Geography aspect of the Australian Curriculum. This term we will focus on the cartographic conventions of maps and mapping skills. In particular, we will be locating and mapping continents, major water bodies, climatic regions and Australian states and territories.

Health & PE

- As part of our health studies we will finish off our Semester 1 Drug Education unit which focuses on topics such as medicines, caffeine and passive smoking. From weeks 6-10, we will be focusing on protective behaviours, using the 'Holding Hands' program, which is a resource purchased by our P&F. This program is based on 2 main themes: 'We all have the right to feel safe at all times' and 'We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is'. More information regarding this unit of work will come home later in the term.

Science

- Our learning in Science this term will relate to the outcome of 'Earth and Space Sciences'. We will explore how the Earth's rotation on its axis causes regular changes, including night and day, and changes in seasons. The children will also have the opportunity to plan and conduct an investigation. To support our learning of these topics, we have an excursion to Scitech on Tuesday the 30th August (week 7).

- ICT

In ICT we will be exploring our class topic of Earth and Beyond through various blogs and interactive web links. We will also be using various applications such as 'Comic Life' and 'Pic Collage' to present information to an audience.

Homework

Homework will continue to consist of a look/cover/ write/ check of words, spelling activities, times table revision and a small mathematics task to revise a concept taught in the previous week. If your child is finding the homework load too difficult, please see me to arrange an alternative. I also encourage you to revise and practice all learned times tables with your child on a regular basis.

I'm looking forward to working with you and your child again this term! Please see me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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