

Year 5 Class Newsletter Term 3, 2016



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 'Nourishing or Goodness' and is a unit on the Eucharist and the second is a Penance unit with the title 'Relationship Restored'. We will also have a class mass in Week 4.

Literacy

As part of our Literacy block, we will complete Literacy group activities four days a week. These activities include guided reading, comprehension skills, creative writing tasks and activities on the iPads.

We will continue to use the Springboard into Comprehension program to guide our Literacy groups. This term we will be focusing on the reading skills, 'cause and effect' and 'bias and prejudice.'

Writing

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

Spelling

In class we will continue to work our way through the Sound Waves Spelling program. This program takes a phonemic approach to help students with their literacy development.

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 passenger and road safety. As part of this unit the children will need to develop a television commercial advertising the importance of wearing a seatbelt.



Homework

Homework is given out on a Monday and due on Thursday morning. 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 and a segmenting activity.
- Reading- 20 minutes of Silent Reading each night.
- Mathematics- the children complete a column in their Mental Maths book. There will also be set tasks on mathematics online.

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.

10th August- Class mass

3rd August- Year 5 Bishop's Literacy test & St Dominic's day mass

5th August- St Dominic's day- market day

Week 4- Year 5 & 6 Speak up class presentations

Week 8- Book Week

6th September- Holy Spirit Athletics Carnival

Year 5 Excursions

Week 6- Fremantle Prison (Date TBD)

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

Looking forward to another great term!

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