



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Term 2



Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 2! I trust you all had a relaxing and refreshing break and are ready for another busy term.

Important Dates for your Calendar:

- **Tuesday 10th May- Thursday 12th May:** NAPLAN testing
- **Thursday 2nd June:** Year 3 Drama Incursion
- **Friday 3rd June:** Catholic Day
- **Friday 8th June:** Year 3 Class Mass
- **Friday 10th June:** Cross Country Guild Championships
- **Wednesday 29th June:** Reports sent home
- **Friday 1st July:** Last day of term

Religious Education:

Our first unit this term will be 'Strengthened by the Spirit' which is a Confirmation based unit. In the second part of the term, our unit will be 'Sharing Jesus' Special Meal'- Eucharist. Information outlining the content of each of these units of work is attached. We have a whole class Mass on Wednesday the 8th June (Week 7).

Literacy

The students will continue to participate in a range of whole class and small group activities that focus on the areas of reading, writing, viewing and listening & speaking. We will again engage in a variety of informational & fictional texts to support our learning outcomes, with a particular focus on texts relating to our class theme 'Celebrations around the World'.

This term we will continue our Soundwaves program and will complete units 11 through to 20. The children will work with up to 15 list words per week and on occasion, will choose personal words (from their writing) to add to their list. 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.

In Writing, we will continue to work on persuasive writing, narratives and begin procedural writing. We are also going to focus on the skill of locating and extracting information from texts in the form of note-taking. As part of our listening and speaking unit, we will learn how to prepare and present an effective oral presentation.

We will re-commence literacy groups in week 4 once NAPLAN has been completed. At this stage groups will continue to be carried out 4 days per week for 30 minutes a day. During this time, children will engage in guided reading, comprehension, spelling and grammar activities.



News Groups

We will continue with our same odd/even fortnightly rotations for news groups upon the completion of NAPLAN. Your child should already know their news day, however, if you are unsure, please drop into the classroom to check. Topics for term 2 are as follows:

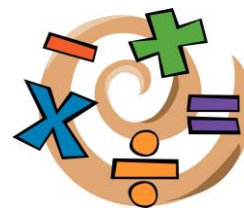
Week 4& 5: My favourite celebration
Week 6& 7: Newspaper News (Children share an article/ photograph from a magazine or newspaper with their peers)
Week 8& 9: Free Choice

Mathematics:

Mathematics will continue to be taught daily and will focus on the areas of Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. iMaths will continue to be used to support these areas in addition to whole class discussions, demonstrations, written work and hands on learning experiences.

In particular, we will be focusing on the following concepts this term:

- Continuation of 2D & 3D shapes and Money (calculating change from \$1)
- Fractions
- Time: Reading analogue clocks (to and past the hour), Calendars, Calculating units of time (seconds, minutes, hours, days)
- Addition and Subtraction (mental strategies, and regrouping & borrowing for 3 digit numbers)
- Measuring Weight



We will also be revising 2, 5, 10 and 11 times tables and begin our learning of 3's, 4's and 6's. It would be great if you could continue practising these with your child at home.

Integrated Studies:

- **History**
This term we will continue the local history topics that we commenced last term. We will also be researching and learning about days and weeks celebrated and commemorated in Australia and in other parts of the world.
- **Health & PE**
During Health, we complete a range of activities including class discussions, role-plays and small group cooperative learning games. As part of our health studies we will finish off our Term 1 'Well-being' theme and commence work on Drug Education (predominantly medicines). We will be focusing on reading medicine boxes, basic first aid and making safe decisions around medicines. On Thursday the 2nd of June, the children will be participating in a workshop with the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. The 1.5-hour workshop will include games and activities to support the health and well-being topics we covered in Term 1.



Integrated Studies cont'd:



- **Science**
Our learning in Science this term will relate to the outcome of 'Chemical Sciences'. We will explore how heat is transferred through solids and liquids and also explore how liquids and solids can change state when temperature either increases or decreases. The children will also have the opportunity to plan and conduct an investigation.

- **ICT**
This term, the children will work with Shane McGurk from Next Learning, to cover a range of ICT applications. We will start learning how to effectively use the Internet as a research tool and we will also focus on the application 'Book Creator' and discover how to use this app to present information. Development of these skills, together with skills developed through our listening and speaking unit will culminate in a presentation and an accompanying speech on a cultural celebration.

- **ART (Mrs Cassian)**
Term 2 is going to be filled with fantasy and dreams, as we study Surrealist art and relate it to the story of Alice in Wonderland. We begin by completing a Surrealist eye - which the whole school will contribute to. Next we will create some images of Cheshire Cat in psychedelic colours. A Mad Hatter's Collage will follow - using a photograph of themselves as the mad hatter. Finally, we will examine the work of Salvador Dali and the children will design their own version of "The Persistence of Memory!"

Homework

We will continue the same routine for both spelling and numeracy homework this term. Please remember, homework is not meant to be an arduous task for you or your child, it is simply an opportunity to revise key concepts! A reminder that reading folders are to come to school every **Monday** so that books can be changed by our parent volunteers. Homework books are to be returned each Friday.

Parent & Teacher Contact

Please feel free to come and see me anytime regarding your child's achievement and progress. I can also be contacted via email at sgambelluri.tiana@cathednet.wa.edu.au

We are looking forward to another action packed term. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Kind regards,

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