

Year 2

Term 4, Class Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Four. The following is a brief summary of the academic program and highlights for this term:

Overview of Learning Areas:

Religious Education

- Empowered For Love: Confirmation

Over the following weeks in Religious Education, the children will be studying one of the promises of the Holy Spirit. This is, that the Holy Spirit empowers Christians to love. The unit explores ways in which Jesus showed his love for others. For example: his love for his parents, Mary and Joseph. The unit also explains how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help his followers love each other. Catholics receive this special strength from the Holy Spirit, through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Truth Of The Gospels: Advent / Christmas

One of the many gifts that God gave us, is the special gift of learning. Many of the things that Jesus taught us on earth, are now shared by his followers through the Bible. Christians today celebrate the Bible, including the Gospels as the Word of God. During Advent, in preparation for Christmas, Christians read special stories from the Gospel.

Special dates:

Grandparents, Volunteers and Special Friends Mass 26th October

Remembrance Day 11th November

Year 2 Prayer Service 9th November

Christmas Nativity in the Church 7th December

Year 6 Graduation 7th December

Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass 8th December



English

Spelling and Phonics

Each Monday the children will be given a list of words, with a particular phonic sound, from the workbook resource, called 'Sound Waves.' These words will form their spelling list for the week.

Writing (Procedure Writing)

The writing focus for this term, is on the genre of Procedures. A procedure is a framework which outlines how something is formed or done. Procedures may be in the form of recipes, instructions, experiments or how to deal with a problem. The procedure framework includes:

<u>Title:</u>	The name of the procedure
<u>Goal:</u>	The purpose of the procedure
<u>Materials:</u>	A list of materials needed
<u>Steps:</u>	The method in a detailed sequence
<u>Test:</u>	An evaluation (if appropriate)



Reading

This term, the children will be involved in a wide range of reading activities and looking at a variety of procedural texts. The children will be required, to interpret and discuss ideas, information and events within a procedural text.

Grammar and Punctuation

The *Grammar Conventions* text, is used throughout the school. Each unit is developed around a particular type of text. Also this term, the children will learn about adverbs, suffixes, pronouns, compound words, conjunctions and text structure.

Speaking and Listening

Children will be involved in meaningful opportunities, which enable them to retell, explain, report and share news events.

Mathematics

iMaths is an investigative based numeracy program, that comprehensively addresses a range of topics. The mathematical guidelines for this term will include the following:

- Solving simple addition problems, using mental and written strategies
- Solving simple subtraction problems, using mental and written strategies
- Solving simple division problems by sharing objects or use diagrams
- Solving multiplication problems by grouping objects
- Recalling multiplication of twos, fives, tens and elevens
- Basic fractions such as halves, thirds and quarters
- Repeating patterns and growing patterns
- Telling the time using hours, half hours and five minute intervals
- Using a calendar to identify the day, date, and month of the year



Geography

In Geography, the children will learn about the major geographical divisions in the world. The development of geographical skills, is essential for students, in developing an understanding of the world and their place within it. The children will explore the different climatic conditions of the world. They will learn how people adapt to their environment, to meet their needs.



Science: The Water Works Unit

Water is essential to all life on earth. Humans need drinking water. Water is also used for cooking, hygiene and agriculture. Australia is one of the driest continents on earth. The children learn that water is a valuable and precious resource. Without water, we could not survive on the planet Earth. It is vital that we all learn to conserve our water supply.

The 'Water Works' unit is an ideal way, to link science, with literacy in the classroom. This unit provides opportunities for the children to develop an understanding of and appreciation for a precious, vital and natural resource. Through investigations, the children will learn where drinking water comes from and the need for it to be used responsibly.



Health: Pedestrian Safety

The Health unit this term will focus on:

- Different types of vehicles and levels of traffic.
- Using the senses of sight and hearing when crossing the road.
- Safe pedestrian practises such as crossing roads under adult supervision.
- Identifying and understanding the road signs and signals relevant to pedestrians.
- Practising the stop, look, listen and think procedure when crossing the road.
- Identifying and responding to safe and unsafe situations for pedestrians in traffic.
- Identifying safe places to cross roads.

Year 2 First Aid Incursion: Monday 24th October

The children will learn how to manage snake bites, sprains and burns.

Library: Mrs Alison Wilmot

Library swap is on Thursday with Mrs Alison Wilmot. Please remind your child to bring their library books and library book bag to school on Thursday.

Art: Mrs Nancy Cassian

Art lessons are held each fortnight on Friday with Mrs Nancy Cassian.

This term, the children will be learning about one of the great 'Masters' - Vincent Van Gogh. The children will be experimenting with collage to create beautiful 'Sunflowers' and using glue for a 3D effect in designing a 'Starry Night' scene.

Physical Education: Ms Jodi Newton

Physical Education lessons are held on Tuesday with Ms Jodi Newton.

This term, the children will be using many of the skills they have acquired and will continue to practise some fun, basic games. The culmination games, use skills such as throwing, rolling, kicking, batting mixed with some sportsmanship reminders.

During weeks 3, 5 and 6 Mr Hince will be assisting with tennis-style ball and batting activities/skills.

Year One and Year Two, will commence their fortnight of swimming lessons in Week 4. We hope they have a positive experience. Please feel free to contribute any feedback from the children regarding their lessons.

Literature: Miss Jenny Connelly

Literature lessons are held on Wednesday with Miss Jenny Connelly.

The children will be completing a variety of interesting and challenging literacy activities. The children will be looking at descriptive writing in different written texts. As the children edit their written work, they will be concentrating on using adjectives and adverbs to make their work more imaginative. A variety of popular authors will be looked at by the children.

Italian: Mr Eros Scagnetti

Italian lessons are held on Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr Eros Scagnetti.

The Italian programme for Year 2 will continue as normal, with 30 minutes per week dedicated to grammar and language and the other 30 minutes to culture.

This term, students will learn how to construct sentences using the two auxiliary verbs *essere* (to be) and *avere* (to have), in light of the pronouns *io* (I), *tu* (you), *lui* (he) and *lei* (she). With these two verbs, students will be able to describe themselves and their peers/family with the *essere* verb and formulate simple sentences, coupled with adjectives, to express their own contexts.

Students will also be taught about the *avere* verb in the context of the pronouns *io* (I), *tu* (you), *lui* (he) and *lei* (she) so that they can describe what they have. The cultural aspect will look at topics such as food, clothing, sports and *Natale* (Christmas).

Music: Mrs Julie Doyle

Music lessons are held on Tuesday with Mrs Julie Doyle.

This term in music the children are getting ready for Christmas. The children will be learning hymns for the Pre-Primary nativity and for the end of year Thanksgiving Mass, as well as for their own prayer service in week 5.

The Lion King Performance Choir: 9th December



Should you have any queries with the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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