

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Term 2, 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 2! 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 Our Goodness' and is a unit on Eucharist and the second is a Confirmation unit with the title 'The Spirit Frees'. The Year Five class will also be coordinating the special friends and volunteers' whole school mass in week 7.

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. We will be looking closely at the difference between fact and opinion. This term we will be focusing on the reading skills, 'cause and effect' and 'compare and contrast'.

Writing

During the first five weeks we will be exploring the structure and purpose of persuasive arguments. The children will have the opportunity to write a persuasive text arguing for or against keeping wild animals in captivity.

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 one investigation. It is titled 'Dynamic Dominoes' and it focuses on equivalent fractions. We will also be looking at some Measurement and Geometry concepts.

Science

This term we are looking at the features that allow animals to survive in their natural habitats. We will take a close look desert plants and animals and their adaptations, which help them to survive in dry conditions. Throughout this term we will be conducting experiments to help build our understanding.

Civics and Citizenship

In Civics and Citizenship, we will be learning about laws and regulations. As part of this the children will come to understand how laws are made and who enforces them. Later in the term children will look at the role volunteers play in our society. They will research a charity group of their interest and work to promote their message.

Health

This term we are focusing on road safety. We will be exploring laws to obey when you are a passenger, a cyclist and a pedestrian and become familiar with common symbols and signs used on our roads. Later in the term the children will be producing an advertising campaign to promote road safety.

Art (Nancy Cassian)

This term we will be inspired by one of the most influential artists of all time - Pablo Picasso.

After a study of the Cubist style of art, the students will attempt some fractured cubist drawings of a topic of their choice.

We will also experiment with some recycled art in the style of the abstract portraits done by Picasso.



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.

Mother's Day Mass- Friday May 12th

NAPLAN- Tuesday May 9th- Thursday May 11th

Perth Zoo Excursion – Friday 26th May

Catholic Day (No School)- Friday 2nd June

Winter Lightning Carnival- Friday 9th June

Year Five prayer assembly and Edu-dance concert- Friday 30th June

School Hours

The classroom will be open from 8.30am each morning and school starts at 8.50am. The school day concludes at 3.10pm. Please ensure that if you are removing your child from school during these hours that you sign the registry at the front office.

Looking forward to another great term!

David Colace

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