

Year 1/2 Parent Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final term of 2026! We have lots of exciting events and learning experiences planned for the term, and we look forward to sharing them with you. Please read the newsletter with important dates and upcoming events.



Religion

During Term Four, we will be focusing on the signs of God's love. Students are introduced to the ways in which God's love has been experienced through time. They explore the love God discovered in family life. They will also learn about the love of God for His people. Finally, they will explore the Church as an expression of God's love.

We will also be teaching a unit on Advent. Advent is the time that we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas. During our Advent unit the children will begin to explore what it means to wait and hope. We will explore different Advent traditions and learn about ways that they can prepare for Christ's coming through prayer and being kind to others.

Literacy

This term in Reading we will continue to build on our reading skills (decoding and automaticity) that help establish our reading fluency and expression. Students will be explicitly taught spelling, grammar and vocabulary. Through their exposure to a range of books they will continue developing their comprehension skills.

In Writing, we will continue to focus on skills related to grammar, punctuation and handwriting. They will begin to read and write persuasive texts, learning to write sentences and paragraphs that use persuasive devices. Towards the end of term the students will begin writing narratives and persuasive texts in shorter time frames to begin preparing for NAPLAN, which is early Grade 3. Writing is the only area that requires preparation. The way we teach children to write takes place slowly over a week, building up their skills and using more detailed plans. During NAPLAN the students will be required to plan and write quickly. Exposing them to the short timeframe and practicing, assists in building their confidence before they reach Grade 3.

History

Our History unit this term will focus on Ancient Egypt. In this unit, students will explore the ancient civilisation of Egypt and discover how the Nile River supported the growth of one of the world's longest-lasting civilisations. They will investigate the lives of pharaohs and ordinary people, and learn about Egyptian beliefs, pyramids, mummies and hieroglyphics. Students will explore the significance of famous pharaohs, including Tutankhamun and Hatshepsut. Throughout the unit, students will use historical sources to develop their understanding of daily life in ancient Egypt and the achievements of this remarkable civilisation.

Mathematics

We have a busy final term in Mathematics. The students will be learning about location and using directions to move around maps and grids. Within fractions, students will further develop their understanding of halves, quarters and eighths and apply them to shapes and groups. During the data unit, students will be collecting data and representing it in picture and column graphs. Within the pattern unit, we will be identifying additive patterns. The final unit is measurement, where students will be measuring mass and capacity using informal units.

Homework

Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. Inside their diary is a note with all of their passwords. We encourage students to use Numbots and Rockstar Maths. Please ensure that the home reading diary is filled out and returned to your child's classroom teacher on their allocated days.

Specialist Days

	1/2 Blue	1/2 Yellow	1/2 Green
PE	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Italian/ Performing Arts	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Science Tech	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Visual Arts	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Library	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday

Important Dates - Term 4

Please read the school newsletter to stay up to date with events and dates.

Contact:

Our classroom doors open at 8:45am and we will be available after school for quick chats and messages. Please make an appointment with us for any longer discussions.

Our emails are listed below:

1/2 Green - Mrs Gaffy agaffy@htws.catholic.edu.au

1/2 Yellow - Miss Cowie ocowie@htws.catholic.edu.au

1/2 Green - Mrs North-Coombes cnorthcoombes@htws.catholic.edu.au (Mon-Thurs), Mr Harvie dharvie@htws.catholic.edu.au (Friday)

St Mary's - Mrs Brennan kbrennan@smdeaf.vic.edu.au

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure a wonderful term!

Kind regards,
The 1/2 team