

## Grade 5/6 Newsletter – Term 4, 2026

Welcome back to our final term of the year! It's set to be a busy and exciting one as we finish the year strong. Here's what's happening in each learning area:

### English

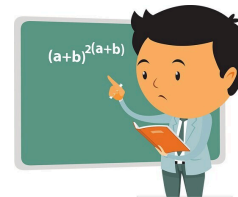
This term students will read the novel *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo, exploring its themes of friendship, courage, and the impact of war through the eyes of Joey the horse. Students will discuss the historical context of World War I and analyse how the author uses perspective to build empathy for the reader.



In writing, students will explore poetry, developing skills in techniques such as imagery, simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration, and rhyme, and experimenting with forms including free verse, cinquains, quatrains, and limericks. Students will also write hybrid texts, blending elements of different genres (for example, narrative and poetry), before moving into crafting their own narratives, focusing on structure, character development, and descriptive language.

### Maths

Our focus areas this term are data investigation, fractions, decimals and percentages, and operations. In data investigation, students will pose questions, collect and organise data, and represent findings using a range of graphs. In fractions, decimals and percentages, students will explore how these are connected and used to represent parts of a whole in different contexts. In operations, students will build fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, learning that different mathematical situations require different methods to solve them, and developing flexibility in choosing the most efficient strategy for each problem.



### Religion

Students will continue their study from last term on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, including themes such as human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and care for creation. Students will explore the core values embedded within this important doctrine and consider how these principles can be applied to real-world issues, deepening their understanding of Catholic social thought and its relevance in the modern world.

Students will then dive into "Sacred Stories" - learning about how the people of Israel (the promised land) were formed and their relationship with God, as well as how the early Christians understood Jesus Christ.

As the year draws to a close, students will prepare for the Christmas season by studying the liturgical season of Advent. This will involve exploring the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, along with symbols and traditions such as the Advent wreath and calendar, as students reflect on the period of preparation leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth.

**Behaviour**

As we begin Term 4, we would like to continue to remind students that their behavior is an important aspect while at school. Term 4 is full of exciting events, excursions/incursions but behaviors that constitute contact with parents may result in the removal of privileges.

**Events**

It's a big term ahead! Please monitor PAM regularly and action event permission slips promptly. Keep an eye on the newsletter for specific dates and times. Highlights this term include:

- Sport
- Masses
- Learning Expo
- Year 6 Graduation and Fun Day
- Christmas Carols

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Year 5/6 teachers