

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1 2024



We are looking forward to an exciting year, full of fun, laughter and learning! Please don't forget to check the School Newsletter weekly for important information and dates.

### What's on in Term 1

- Monday 12th February - Photo Day
- Tuesday 13th February - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 14th February - Year 4 Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12 noon SJV
- Wednesday 14th February - Parent Information Night
- Sunday 18th February - Founders Day Mass @ 11:15am SJM
- Friday 1st March - Cinema Night
- Friday 8th March - School Closure Day
- Monday 11th March - Labour Day
- Friday 15th March - Working Bee
- Wednesday 20th March - First Eucharist Parent Information Evening 6.30pm @ SJV Community Centre
- Tuesday 26th March - Year 4 Sports Gala Day (interschool sports)
- Wednesday 27th - Last day for classes & Learning Conferences after school
- Thursday 28th March - Learning Conferences - No classes
- Saturday 20th April (6pm) or Sunday 21st April (9:45 or 11:15) First Eucharist Commitment Mass
- PLEASE NOTE - First Eucharist - 18th May - 2pm @ St. John's Church**

### Home Learning

It is expected that the children read for a minimum of 20 mins per night, four times a week. The children need to record this in their diary and ensure it is signed and returned to school each Friday.

Home learning will always be meaningful and may be given at various times throughout the term for the following reasons

- To reinforce skills and knowledge that the child is acquiring at school (Needs Based)
- To research, prepare for presentations, collect materials, administer surveys etc. to support classroom topics of study (Topic Based)
- To engage families in learning (Family Based)

Timetable			
4F		4L	
Library	Thursday	Library	Monday
Physical Education	Wednesday	Physical Education	Wednesday
Auslan	Wednesday	Auslan	Wednesday
STEMMS	Tuesday	STEMMS	Tuesday
Visual Arts	Tuesday	Visual Arts	Tuesday

Feel free to contact us throughout the school year! Our doors are always open! If you wish to visit us for more than a 'Hello', please remember to make an appointment for before or after school.

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# What We Are Learning In...

## Reading

These are some of the reading strategies we will be focusing on this term:

### **COMPREHENSION:**

- Retelling the key events and summarising
- Making connections with the text
- Locating information in the text
- Questioning

### **DECODING/ACCURACY:**

- Continue using strategies such as *chunking, cross checking, skipping the word and then coming back, flipping the sound, re-reading to self-correct* etc.

### **FLUENCY:**

- Paying attention to punctuation
- Reading with expression
- Reading rate/pace – *read not too fast and not too slow*

### **VOCABULARY:**

- Looking at the text that comes before and after the unknown word to understand it's meaning
- Reading a variety of texts, fiction and nonfiction, to expand vocabulary (using tools like glossaries, dictionaries and thesauruses)

## Writing

- Editing and Revising
- Spelling Patterns
- Letter Formation, Sizing and Placement
- Writing Genres:
  - Poetry
  - Narratives

## Maths

### **NUMBER:**

- Place Value (whole number and decimals)
- Addition
- Subtraction

### **STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY**

- Chance

## Integrated/Inquiry Learning

### **Relationships**

- Growth Mindset
- Personal Strengths
- Independence, Persistence and Resilience
- Emotions (their impact on ourselves and others)
- Conflict resolution and inclusion
- Working Collaboratively

## Religion

- The Eucharist 'Celebrating Jesus' Presence'
  - The Apostles Creed, Moses and making connections between Moses, Jesus, the Last Supper and Eucharist
- Alleluia! He is Risen!
  - Lent, Catholic Social Teachings and Holy Week

