

YEAR 5 TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

THIS TERM IN GRADE 5

Term 4 is already off to a great start, and camp was a fantastic experience for our Year 5 students! It was wonderful to see students challenge themselves, build confidence and enjoy new experiences with their classmates.

Our Leadership Program has now begun, providing students with a great opportunity to recognise the leadership characteristics and strengths they already demonstrate. We look forward to seeing students develop these skills further as they prepare for the transition into Year 6.

Students will participate in Water Safety Day this term, developing important water safety knowledge and skills through practical activities.

It is an exciting term ahead, and we look forward to seeing the continued growth, confidence and independence of our students as they take on the responsibilities and opportunities that come with preparing for Year 6.

As outlined in the whole-school newsletter, if you have a specific request regarding your child's social or emotional development for next year, please email Dave directly at principal@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au no later than Monday, 26 October.

REMINDERS

- Across the school, fidgets are no longer permitted to be used in the classroom as free choice by students. Students may keep them in their school bags and use them during lunchtime. If you feel your child requires a fidget to support their learning, please contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss this
- Hats are required to be worn this term when students are outside
- Student diaries must be brought to school to be checked and signed each Friday

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Wednesday	STEM PE
Thursday	Auslan Performing Arts Library
Friday	Buddy Lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS

13 th Oct	Division Athletics
15 th Oct	5S Learning Conferences
30 th Oct	Day for Daniel (wear a touch of red)
2 nd - 3 rd Nov	Melbourne Cup Long Weekend
12 th Nov	Twilight Sports
20 th Nov	School Closure Day
21 st Nov	St John's Parish Fete
23 rd Nov	Water Safety Day
27 th Nov	Year Level Mass - 9am
11 th Dec	Step Up Morning
15 th Dec	Final Day of Term

LITERACY

This term, students will develop their researching skills by exploring a range of non-fiction texts. They will learn about the features of non-fiction texts and practise finding, recording and organising key information.

For writing, students will explore biographies, learning how to research a person's life and organise important events, experiences and achievements into a structured text. They will also learn to write information reports, using research to present factual information clearly and logically, with a focus on structure, vocabulary and language features.

Students will study the novel *The Last Bear*, developing their comprehension, vocabulary and ability to respond to and discuss a text. They will explore characters, themes, key events and the environmental issues presented throughout the novel.

Students will continue to build their spelling and vocabulary knowledge through explicit word study, applying this understanding to improve the accuracy of their writing.

SCIENCE

In Science, students will learn about solids, liquids and gases and how they behave in different ways and have observable properties that help to classify them. They will participate in experiments to explore the way solids, liquids and gases change under different situations, for example, heating and cooling.

Students will recognise that not all substances can be easily classified as solids, liquids or gases on the basis of their observable properties.

CONTACT INFO

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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RELIGION

In Year 5, students will explore how to live out their faith by caring for others and standing up for those in need. By studying scripture and real-world examples, they will discover how everyday choices shape our society and design action plans to make a positive difference in their school, parish, and local community.

During Advent, students will learn how hope, peace, joy, and love prepare our hearts for Jesus. They will explore His call to show kindness, forgiveness, and compassion—especially to those who are lonely or struggling—putting their faith into practice through daily acts of kindness that extend well beyond the Christmas season.

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

This term, our students are stepping into the world of Economics and Business through two engaging programs: MoneyTime, an interactive online platform, and Earn and Learn, a hands-on practical experience. Throughout the unit, students will build essential real-world skills as they explore jobs and careers, practice budgeting and managing money, and unpack key financial concepts like interest and investing.

MATHS

In Term 4, students will step into the role of young researchers by leading their own statistical investigations. They'll practice gathering and checking real-world data, then organize their findings into easy-to-read tables and graphs.

In number, students will sharpen their everyday math skills through practice with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They will also review key concepts in fractions, decimals, and percentages to strengthen their overall number confidence leading into Year 6.

WHOLE SCHOOL VALUE COOPERATION

THE ACTION OR PROCESS OF WORKING TOGETHER
TO THE SAME END.