



# Prep Newsletter - Term Two, 2023



Welcome back to Term 3!

We are looking forward to a fun filled term of learning and a number of exciting events coming up.

IMPORTANT EVENTS - more information to come!		
Monday July 24th 11am - 1pm <b>St James Mini Mission Fete</b>	Friday August 4th <b>100 Days of School</b>	Friday August 11th <b>Excursion to Melbourne Zoo</b>
Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th August <b>School Concert</b>	Friday 1st of September <b>Preps host Father's Day Prayer Service</b>	Friday September 8th 9am <b>Prep Level Mass</b>

Timetable	PD	PO
Library	Monday	
PE	Tuesday	Thursday
Auslan	Thursday	Tuesday
STEMMS	Wednesday	
Visual Arts	Wednesday	

Literacy
<p>This term the students will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts during our Shared Reading sessions. The focus this term will be to build on strategies good readers use to help us gain meaning and understanding of what we are reading. They will look at different comprehension skills and link this to understandings within the text we read and beyond. The students will continue to look at letter blends, digraphs and high frequency words, as well as continue to build their vocabulary and oral language skills. The students will be developing their writing skills by continuing to write recounts and will be introduced to the genre of information writing. They will have opportunities to edit their writing, checking for punctuation eg: full stops and capital letters. Handwriting will continue to be a focus, particularly the correct formation of letters and numbers.</p>

Maths
<p>This term the students will continue to develop their knowledge of Number by counting to and from 20 and extending beyond. The children will be introduced to subtraction, using concrete materials to demonstrate their understanding. They will develop the language of ordinal numbers to describe position, such as 'first', 'second', and 'last'. The students will describe position and movement by interpreting the everyday language of location and direction, such as 'between', 'near', 'next to', 'forwards' and 'towards'. They will also follow and give simple directions to move from one place to another. The students will sort, describe and name familiar three-dimensional objects in the environment.</p>



Change - How does changing and growing help us learn?	
Religion	Inquiry Learning
<p>The Prep students will reflect on our concept, change, by exploring the Catholic Social Teaching Principle, The Common Good. They will identify how they can make changes to be more like Jesus in their own lives. The students will be introduced to some of the parables that Jesus told and respond to these scripture stories in various ways. They will learn about our patron saint, Saint James, as well as, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint.</p>	<p>The Prep students will investigate how and why things change. They will explore the differences between living and non-living things and learn about the life cycles of some plants and animals. The students will visit the Melbourne Zoo where this learning will be deepened. They will be introduced to the scientific literacy skills of predicting, observing with our senses and recording. The Prep students will use these skills when conducting a variety of experiments. They will also investigate how things move and change shape using the forces of a push or pull.</p>

Our newsletter provides a brief overview of our learning across all areas in the classroom. We will also be in contact via email as events and needs arise. Please don't forget to check the School Newsletter weekly for important information and the most updated dates for upcoming events.

Please continue to contact us should the need arise. Looking forward to sharing another term of partnership and learning!

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