

Year 1 & 2
2025
Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed catch ups with friends and family! For any brief questions we are all available at 8.45am, when the children come in the classrooms and after school, except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, when we have our staff meetings. If you require a longer meeting please email and we can book a time in. We are looking forward to working together with you this year.

Religion

During Term One, we will be focusing on the topic "Baptism". The students will be learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and how we welcome people into the Catholic Church. Later in the term we will begin our second topic exploring the season of Lent. In this unit, we will focus on Lent as a time of growth, change and service. The students will learn about The Last Supper and Jesus Christ's journey to the cross in Holy Week. During Lent, children will be raising money for Project Compassion, a Catholic organisation that aims to ensure communities in Australia and worldwide have access to basic needs, such as clean water and education, to name a few. We ask that the children do jobs at home to raise this money, as this empowers them to help others.

Literacy

During Term 1, our writing will begin with a focus on sentence structure for simple and compound sentences. During our writing sessions we will also focus on developing the students' knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling. In Reading, students will continue to develop their ability to read fluently, decode unknown words and comprehend a range of texts. For Reading we will be using the InitialLit program. In order to maintain fidelity of the program and to ensure we have time for all subjects, we are splitting the students into Year Levels. In Term One Miss Cowie, Mrs Schauer / Mr Woodcock are running the Year One program. Mrs Booth, Mrs Garvey / Miss Humphris will be running the Year Two program.

Knowledge Based Learning

Our unit this term is "Our Safe, Healthy Bodies and Minds". We will be focusing on which healthy decisions and behaviours keep us safe. We will discuss who keeps us safe, how we look after our minds and body, why we should make healthy food choices and what we should do when we are worried. Students will develop their understanding of a growth mindset and ways that we can think positively about ourselves as learners.

Mathematics

In Term 1, students will be covering the topics Data, Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. They will build on their understanding and knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction by using a variety of hands-on activities and games to give students the opportunity to deeply understand their learning. We will continue to build on the students' knowledge of counting, including skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number.

Homework

Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. Please fill the diary out each time your child reads. Inside of their diary is a note with all of their passwords. We are also asking families to build Maths fluency as part of homework, a great place to do this is in the car or at the dinner table. We would encourage you to ask your children to count forwards and backwards from different starting points, skip count by 2s, 5s and 10s and ask friends of 10 - what goes with 4 to make 10? Building fluency helps to build automaticity and take away cognitive load as Mathematics becomes more challenging.

Specialist Days

	1/2 Blue	1/2 Green	1/2 Yellow
Tuesdays	Digi Tech	Visual Arts	Performing Arts/ Italian
Wednesdays	PE & Performing Arts/ Italian	PE & Performing Arts/ Italian	Visual Arts & Digi Tech
Thursdays	Visual Arts	Digi Tech	PE

Food Policy & Birthdays

Please remember that sharing food is not permitted and this includes birthdays, Easter and Christmas. If your child would like to give the class something to celebrate their birthday, please ensure that it is not edible, e.g. pencils, gel pens.

Swimming

Students will be attending swimming lessons each Friday. Students bring along a small bag with a towel, undies, goggles (if needed) and thongs. Please ensure all students' items are labelled.

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 - see below for our email address

Holy Trinity Staff

1/2 Green - Carly Booth cbooth@htws.catholic.edu.au (Mon - Fri)

1/2 Yellow - Olivia Cowie ocowie@htws.catholic.edu.au (Mon - Fri)

1/2 Blue - Stephanie Schauer srooney@htws.catholic.edu.au (Mon-Wed) & Justin Woodcock jwoodcock@htws.catholic.edu.au (Thurs/Fri)

St Mary's Staff

1/2 Yellow - Josephine Hynes jhynes@smdeaf.vic.edu.au

Important Dates

Term 1 is a very busy term with lots of fun things happening. Please regularly check the newsletter for events.

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

Kind regards

Year 1 & 2 teachers