

Prep 2025 Term 3 Overviews



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In Term 3, our Prep students will continue to build confidence, friendships, and emotional awareness. Through activities that explore feelings, kindness, and safety, students will learn how to express their emotions, manage worries, and work cooperatively with others. We are also encouraging a growth mindset by helping students understand that making mistakes is a natural and important part of learning, and that every challenge is an opportunity to grow. A highlight will be our two Fire Safety Incursions with the Richmond Fire Fighters, where students will learn how to stay safe in emergencies and explore a real fire engine. We will also be encouraging students to take pride in their efforts and achievements as they prepare to share their learning with families at our upcoming Art Show—a wonderful opportunity to celebrate creativity and growth.

Term 3 Key Dates:

Tuesday 29 th July Fire Fighter Visit 1	Wednesday 30 th July Student, Teacher, Parent Conversations (appointments booked on NForma Portal)	Thursday 31 st July St Ignatius Feast Day Mass	Thursday 14 th August Fire Fighter Visit 2	Wednesday 20 th August Book Week Parade TBC
Wednesday 20 th August Book Week Parade TBC	Friday 29 th August School Closure Day Staff Faith Formation Day	Wednesday 3 rd September P – 6 Protective Behaviours sessions with Cath McCallig	Tuesday 16 th September Art Show Open Evening	Friday 19 th September Last Day of Term 3 1:45pm

Religion and Inquiry

This term in Inquiry and Religious Education, Prep students will be exploring the properties of different materials, learning to identify and describe whether they are natural or made by humans, and considering how materials are used for different purposes. This ties in with our Religious Education focus on the story of Noah's Ark, where students will reflect on how Noah built the ark using different materials, and how this story teaches us about trust, care, and following God's guidance. Through hands-on investigations and storytelling, students will make connections between their world and their faith, developing curiosity, creativity, and an appreciation for the world around them.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, Prep students will continue to build their reading and writing skills with a strong focus on embedding phonics knowledge to support confident, independent reading. Through daily phonics lessons and guided reading, students will learn to recognise letter patterns, blend sounds, and decode unfamiliar words. We will also begin exploring persuasive texts, where students will learn how to express opinions and give reasons, both through shared writing and oral language activities. In addition, students will be introduced to poetry, enjoying the rhythm, rhyme, and playful language of different poems, while experimenting with creating their own. Role play will be used to bring stories, persuasive texts, and poems to life, helping students develop vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence in using language to communicate effectively.

Maths

In Mathematics this term, Prep students will continue to develop their number sense through hands-on activities focused on addition and subtraction, using a variety of strategies such as counting on, using number lines, and working with concrete materials. They will also explore early concepts of mass, length, and capacity, learning to compare, measure, and describe everyday objects using informal units. Later in the term, students will be introduced to grouping and sharing, laying the foundation for early multiplication and division. Through games, investigations, and real-life problem-solving, students will be encouraged to explain their thinking and build confidence in using mathematical language.

Digital Technology

In Digital Technologies this term, Prep students will continue to build their confidence using technology to support their learning. They will practise typing simple sentences using a keyboard, developing both their literacy and basic computer skills. Students will also learn to identify digital and non-digital devices, exploring their features and uses in everyday life. A key focus will be on using iPads to take photos and videos to document their learning, which will be shared with families via Seesaw. These activities help students become confident digital communicators while learning to use technology safely, respectfully, and with purpose.

Library

Students will visit the library weekly to borrow books and learn how to select appropriate literature. They will also explore how the picture fiction section is organised. To borrow a book, students must bring their library bag each week. Prep AD will visit the library on Tuesdays, while Prep SC will borrow books on Thursdays.

Health and Physical Education with Mrs McLeary - rmcleary@tcs.catholic.edu.au

This term students will explore a variety of movement ideas within the Gymnastics unit; working on ways to balance, turn, roll and build routines. They will continue to develop their Fundamental Motor Skills and refine the actions while jumping, running and throwing. Students will begin to understand the link between physical activity and health, and discuss how activities make them feel "out of breath" and how "their heart beats faster".

Mandarin with Mr Su - ksu@tcs.catholic.edu.au

In Term Three, students will continue to practise using daily expressions with gestures in school contexts. They will also be learning how to introduce their family members and how to name different body parts in Mandarin. Students will further develop their understanding of tones in Mandarin speech and observe that the sounds of Chinese can be encoded in Pinyin using familiar English letters.

Performing Arts with Ms Stanton - sstanton@tcs.catholic.edu.au

In term three of Performing Arts, Prep students will engage in drama and dance-based activities and games that are geared towards teamwork and strengthening skills needed to successfully work as an ensemble. In celebration of Book Week and all things literary this term, students will work together to bring a book to life with their class, exploring narrative through drama and dance. Through process drama related to the class text, students will encounter a rehearsal framework and explore and build on their ideas to show characters and creative movement to an audience. We welcome you to view their performances in the Trinity Storytelling Day in week 8 of this term!

Science with Miss Jai - jhendy@tcs.catholic.edu.au

In our Physical Science unit this term, Preps will learn about how objects move and how forces, like pushing and pulling, affect motion. They will also study how technology uses forces to create movement. They will have the opportunity to design and make a toy using recycled materials that can be pushed or pulled. Throughout this unit, students will develop their skills in scientific inquiry and gain a better understanding of science as a human endeavor. They will actively participate in sharing observations, reflecting on their findings, and asking and answering questions about everyday objects and events.

Visual Art with Ms Denise - dkolokotronis@tcs.catholic.edu.au

During term 3, Prep students will focus on the skills of drawing, painting and collage. Students will complete a multimedia artwork titled 'Field of Flowers' inspired by the artwork of Julie Ryder. This art piece will be displayed in the upcoming spring themed Trinity Art Show in September. Students will also be painting a contour line self-portrait with a multi coloured watercolour background. Another art project that will be completed by Prep students will be a paper bag house where students will be drawing and cutting out all the features of their house.