

Year 1/2 Parent Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2025. This term is full of lots of exciting events and we are looking forward to sharing them with you. Please look at the dates at the end of the newsletter to inform you of upcoming events.



Love one another.

Religion

During Term Four, we will be focusing on learning about the Stories of God's People. Students will explore the Bible as the sacred book that teaches us about God's relationship with His People. They will learn to differentiate between Old and New Testament stories. They will learn about some key figures and events of the Old Testament and also explore stories about events that happened throughout Jesus' life.

We will also be learning about Advent. Advent is the time that we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas. During our Advent unit the children will begin to explore what it means to wait and hope. We will explore different Advent traditions and learn about ways that they can prepare for Christ's coming through prayer and being kind to others.

Literacy

This term in Reading we will continue to build on our reading skills (decoding and automaticity) that help establish our reading fluency and expression. Students will be explicitly taught spelling, grammar and vocabulary. Through their exposure to a range of books they will continue developing their comprehension skills.

In Writing we will continue to focus on skills related to grammar, punctuation and handwriting. They will begin to write persuasive texts, learning to write sentences and paragraphs that use persuasive devices. Towards the end of term the students will begin writing narratives and persuasive texts in shorter time frames to begin preparing for NAPLAN, which is early Grade 3. Writing is the only area that requires preparation, as the way we teach children to write takes place slowly over a week, building up their skills and using more detailed plans. During NAPLAN the students will be required to plan and write quickly. Exposing them to the timeframe and practicing, assists building their confidence before they reach Grade 3.

History

The History unit is a knowledge based unit. The students will be learning about Ancient Greece to develop their understanding of the world. They will learn about what life was like in Ancient Athens and Sparta. They will be learning about the Battles of Marathon and Thermopylae, Greek Gods and Goddesses, the beginning of the Olympic Games and some Greek philosophers. They will compare their lives now to those of the Ancient Greeks.

Mathematics

We have a busy final term in Mathematics. The students will be learning about location and using directions to move around maps and grids. In the fractions unit they will be further developing their understanding of halves, quarter and eighths, they will be applying their knowledge in a practical way identifying fractions in shapes, capacity and mass. During the data unit the students will be

collecting data and representing it in picture and column graphs. When learning about number patterns, students will be identifying and solving problems looking at the pattern. The final unit is measurement, where students will be measuring mass and capacity using informal units.

Homework

Children are expected to read with an adult for at least 20 minutes each night. We would also encourage you to count daily with your child and practice the 2s, 5s and 10s times tables to build automatic responses. Inside their diary is a note with all of their passwords. Please ensure that the home reading diary is filled out and returned to your child's classroom teacher on their allocated days.

Grade 1/2 Camp

Grade 1/2 camp will be on Thursday 6th November, students will participate in an action packed fun day starting with a breakfast in PJ's 8am. Further information will be sent home closer to the event.

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Important Dates

There are many important events in Term 4. Please read the newsletter to note down the dates. You can also find information on the Holy Trinity Facebook page.