



PREP CURRICULUM LETTER

Term 4, 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready for the 4th term! Can you believe it? We are looking forward to another exciting term full of learning and enjoyment.

Religion

In Religious Education we will be exploring two major topics. The units we will be covering this term are:

Friends of Jesus

In this unit, students will interpret what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and reflect on ways they could respond to the call of discipleship. They will link their own experiences of friendship to the special relationship Jesus had with his disciples.



Jesus is Born

In this unit, students learn about the seasons of Advent and Christmas. They explore the concepts of waiting and joyful anticipation that are expressed through the use of the Advent wreath.

Whole School Advent Program	Week 8 - Week 11
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English

Little Learners Love Literacy

The Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL) program will continue in Term 4. We have taught the process of teaching the simple code in Stages 1– 4. We are now moving on to Stage 4+ - 6 which focuses on the following skills:

- Digraphs including /th/, /ng/, /ph/, /wh/, /ai/, /ay/, /ee/, /ea/, /-y/, /igh/, /ie/, /-y/, /oa/
- Morphology of words (study of words and their parts) with a focus on /ing/ suffix



There will continue to be a strong focus on phonemic awareness through the daily use of Heggerty. The Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum includes explicit instruction in the following phonological and phonemic awareness skills: rhyming, initial phoneme isolation, blending, isolating final and medial phonemes (sounds), segmenting, adding phonemes, deleting phonemes and substituting phonemes.

Decodable books

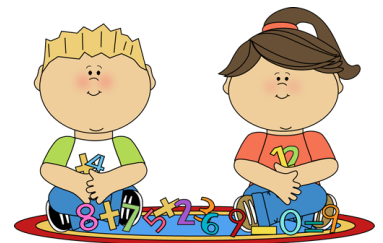
LLLL decodable books will continue to be sent home weekly. Readers will be sent home every Monday and are to be returned on Friday. Don't forget you also have access to our LLLL platform too! New Heart words will be sent home this term. Practising these each day makes a difference!

Mathematics

Number and Algebra

We will focus on:

- Ordinal Numbers and Place Value
- Counting forwards and backwards to 100, skip counting, doubles, counting strategies and equal sets
- Representing simple, everyday financial situations involving money
- Revising taught concepts to ensure a good understanding



Statistics and Probability

We will:

- Collect, record and interpret data

Measurement and Geometry

We will:

- Describe the position and location of themselves and objects
- Compare length, capacity and mass of familiar objects using descriptive terms
- Compare and order the duration of events using the everyday language of time
- Connect days of the week to familiar events and actions
- Revise 2D and 3D shapes

Inquiry

Places

In this unit, students will focus on different places and their features. They will explore reasons why some places are especially important to people and how they can be looked after. Students will identify personal connections to other places and people in Australia and across the world. They will also discover the importance of country and place to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Digital Technologies

During Term 4, the Prep students will begin to learn how to use Seesaw independently. They will be practising uploading their own posts while they learn how to use the different features. Look out for their posts and don't forget to like and comment!

Students will also begin learning about coding. We will learn about the basics of coding and learn how to code the Bee-Bot robots.



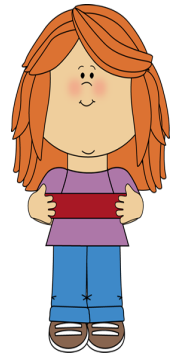
Student Wellbeing

Respectful Relationships

This term we will continue to implement the "Respectful Relationships" program. This program supports schools and early childhood settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches students how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

Public Speaking

As part of our Speaking and Listening curriculum, children will participate in public speaking and present their speeches. Each child will begin writing a short speech at school and then they will bring their speeches home to add to and practise. You may even want to help them write their speech on cue cards. Reciting their speech in front of a mirror is a good way for children to practise, as presenting a speech in front of their class can be quite confronting. All children will present their speeches to both Prep classes, their teachers and parents. During their presentation, students will be focussing on making eye contact with their audience, the volume of their voice, speaking with expression and the pacing of their speech. Preps will present their speeches on **Tuesday the 19th of November at 2:00pm** in the MPR. Further information to be communicated closer to the date.



Show and Share

The children will continue to present their Show and Share each week. Show and Share is a good opportunity for children to talk in front of an audience. It is important that you discuss with your child what they are going to bring each week and what they might say about their item.

Library

This term, visits to the library will continue on a weekly basis. Just a reminder that in order to borrow books, children will need to have returned their books and bring in their library bag on the day.

Swimming

This term, we will participate in daily swimming lessons at MLC from **December 9th to December 13th**.

Children will be required to wear their bathers to school under their sports uniform on these days. Please pack a small bag with underwear, a towel and goggles. There will be an Operoo permission note sent home before swimming commences.

If you would like to help walk classes to the pool and assist the children in getting dressed and ready, please let us know as

you fill in the permission slip. **You will need a Working With Children Check and a Police Check to assist with changing at the pool.** Children will need to bring extra food during the swimming week as they will be burning lots of energy.



Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation is a form of prayer that allows us to listen to God. On Tuesday and Friday afternoons we will meditate for 5 minutes.

Prep Breakfast

As part of Sacred Heart's Camp Experience Program, Prep children will be starting one special day with breakfast at school on the **5th December**. Children will come to school in their pyjamas, eat breakfast and get ready for the school day together. More information to come closer to the date.



If you have any need to contact us throughout the term, we would love to hear from you via the usual methods, a note in the pouch, a phone call to the office that we will return as soon as possible or an email to admin@shkew.catholic.edu.au that Caroline Reid will forward and again we will respond as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and fun,

Chelsea and Megan

Important Dates:

18th October - Art Show

4th November - School Closure Day

5th November - Melbourne Cup Holiday

11th November - Remembrance Day

19th November - Prep Public Speaking Afternoon (MPR at 2:00pm)

5th December - Prep Breakfast

5th December - Christmas Carols

9th - 13th December - Swimming Week

SUBJECT TEACHER TIMETABLE TERM 4

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		Music with Mrs Mulhall	Sport with Mr O'Shea (Sports Uniform)	Sport with Miss Bilney & Miss Wirth (Sports Uniform)
		Mandarin with Mrs Chen (Students will be dismissed from Big Adventure playground)	Visual Arts with Mrs Burnes	Library Please send library bags on this day

Show and Share Topic Schedule Term 4:

Here is a list of topics that we will be using for Show and Share this term. Please refer to the Show and Share timetable that was sent home in Term 1. The topics for Term 3 are:

Week 1 Starting 7.10.24 Free Choice

Week 2 Starting 14.10.24 Free choice

Week 3 Starting 21.10.24 My favourite place to visit in the community

Week 4 Starting 28.10.24 My favourite picture story book

Week 5 Starting 04.11.24 No Show and Share due to short week

Week 6 Starting 11.11.24 Free choice

Week 7 Starting 18.11.24 No Show and Share due to Public Speaking

Week 8 Starting 25.11.24 My favourite thing about Prep

Week 9 Starting 2.12.24 My favourite thing about summer

Week 10 Starting 9.12.24 Something I would like for Christmas

Week 11 Starting 16.12.24 No Show and Share

Show and Share is beneficial as it allows children to talk in front of an audience. It is important that you discuss with your child what they are going to bring each week.