



Prep Newsletter

Term 3, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Three! We hope the children had a fantastic holiday and got to spend time with family and friends. This term is full of lots of fun things and we are sorry if you hate organising costumes but there are four dress up days this term. In the third week back we are celebrating 100 Days of Prep, Kmart has a range of costumes. Italian Day is week 5 and students can wear a costume or the colours of the Italian Flag. In the last week we traditionally have Footy Day and the children can wear football clothes (AFL, Rugby, Soccer) or team colours. Book Week is celebrated nationally in Week 6 but we have moved it to the last day of term so that it isn't too close to Italian Day. There is also the Art Show where student art work is showcased. We are looking forward to all of these celebrations.

Religion

During Term Three, the first unit we are learning about is called '**Belonging to God's People**'. In this unit, students learn about religious imagery, the church building, its furnishings, and the gestures used in liturgy. They learn about the name and location of the local parish, and the role of the priest in the parish. They explore the celebration of the Eucharist through a focus on key liturgical actions and objects used. The other topic we will be covering is '**Protected by God**' students explore the idea of God as protector. They are introduced to stories about Moses and David who were protected by God and in turn led and protected their people. Students identify people in their own lives who are sources of God's love and protection.



Geography

This term the students will learn about the places they live in and belong to. Throughout the unit we will investigate the importance of the places students live, identify special places such as schools and represent places on simple maps. We will also begin to examine the different groups and families that people are a part of and their different traditions and food.

Literacy

In Reading we will continue to learn the letter names, regular letter sounds, how to read tricky words and how to blend and segment. We are learning about beginning, middle and end sounds.

In Writing, we will continue to develop our writing skills. We are learning about sentence structure and beginning to learn about nouns and verbs. The students will be working on their encoding skills and applying the knowledge of the sounds they have learnt to complete dictation and write independent sentences.



Mathematics

This term is a very busy term in Maths! We will be learning about length using informal materials to measure such as tall and short, heavy and light, and capacity. We will introduce the students to addition and subtraction using a range of strategies including counting on, counting back, using number lines as well as concrete materials. We will continue to work on our counting skills forwards and backwards. Finally we will be learning about sharing and grouping.

Homework

Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes each night. Inside their diary is a note with all of their passwords. We encourage students to use Matific. Please ensure that the home reading diary is filled out and returned to your child's classroom teacher on their allocated day.

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Important Dates - Term 3

Monday 15 July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 26th July	Prep presenting at assembly
Wednesday 31 July	100 Days of Prep Celebration – Parade and Presentation in the Great Space at 9am
Friday 2 August	School Closure Day
Thursday 8 August	Mary of the Cross Mass at St Judes
Friday 16 August	Italian Day – Dress Up
Thursday 29 August	Fathers Day Afternoon Activities
Friday 30 August	Fathers Day Stall
Tuesday 10 September	Art Show
Monday 16 September	Book Week Activities
Thursday 19 September	Footy Day – wear football clothes/ colours
Friday 20 September	Book week Parade Dress up