

# Prep Newsletter

## Term 4, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Four! We can't believe how quickly the year has gone and that the children have almost finished their first year at school. 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.

### Religion

To commence our Religious Education unit, we will be learning about 'God's Great Family'. Students will learn more about Jesus and his family, students will have the opportunity to make connections and create their own family trees. They will learn about God's people in the Bible and their messages including Abraham, Sarah, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist. The following topic we will be covering is 'God is With Us', students will be learning about Jesus' birth and the significance of Advent in the Liturgical Year.



### Literacy

We will continue to build on our reading skills this term, particularly focusing on phonics, phonological awareness, decoding and automatic sight-word recognition. In our storybook lessons, the students will be focusing on learning about books and developing their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

In Writing, we will continue dictation using the sounds and digraphs we have learnt to write sentences. The students will continue to write independently and use pictures for a stimulus. We are also beginning to learn the structure of narrative writing and the students will write simple narratives. Finally we are learning about information texts and they will be writing about different animals.

### Inquiry Based Learning

This term we have a very exciting unit, we are learning about physical sciences focussing on movement. We will be investigating the various ways people and things move. This unit will be integrated with design technologies and the children will design and build things that move in various ways. There will be a parent afternoon on 17th October from 3.30pm onwards. During this time the children will be using a plan they have designed to create a robot with you.

### Mathematics

In Maths this term, we are learning about data. The students will learn how to gather and represent data, after answering yes and no questions. The students will be continuing to develop their knowledge of counting and place value, including recognising money and ordering it according to value. They will continue to learn about measurement, including length, mass, capacity and time. Finally we will be building upon their knowledge of location and giving and following directions.

### Respectful Relationships

This term in the Respectful Relationships units, we will be focusing on the topics 'Positive Gender Relations' and 'Gender and Identity'. These units are about playing and will build an understanding that boys and girls can play together and play fairly. They give strategies for how to play without rough play and

what to do if someone is rough. Students will learn strategies to assist with self-control. These units encourage children to be friendly and fair.

### **Homework**

Children are expected to read for at least 10-15 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 days.

### **Prep Camp**

Grade 2 camp will be on Wednesday 4 December, students will participate in an action packed fun day and later afternoon here at Holy Trinity. Further information will be sent home closer to the event.

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### **Important Dates - Term 4**

7 October	First Day of Term 4
9 October	Incursion - The Chocolate Shop (two hours)
23 October	Prep - 2 Showcase
24 October	Learning Showcase 3.30-5.00pm
30 October	Kaboom Sports Family Night
4 November	School Closure Day
5 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
15 November	Colour Fun Run
18 - 20 November	Book Fair - In the Library after school
4 December	Prep 'Camp' until 4.30
5 December	Christmas Carols in the Church (Time to be confirmed, family event, after school hours)
6 December	Gratitude Mass at St Judes
11 December	Excursion to Myuna Farm
17 December	Prep Graduation 9am - Parents attend Last Day of Term 4