



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3 everyone, I cannot believe how quickly the year is flying by.

Notifying the school of your child's absence

There have been some updates to the nPortal over the holiday period, particularly using the portal to mark student absences. Please follow the instructions below to notify the school of future student absences. This will be the preferred method of notifying the school of your child's absence and will replace using Audiri for notifications.

- 1. From the Dashboard, select the child you want the absence for.**
- 2. In the student's profile, click 'Mark Attendance'.**
- 3. Enter the details of the absence.**

The absence will automatically record on the Classroom Teacher's roll. If you forget to record/notify the school of the absence, you will either be sent an SMS from nForma or an email from Office Admin.

Reports & Parent Teacher Meetings

I look forward to meeting you in Week 7 to discuss your child's progress. I find these meetings about your child invaluable and it helps us support them going forward.

Religious Education

The R.E topic for Term 3 is the Liturgical Calendar. This unit will involve learning about how the Liturgical Calendar is organised, understanding almsgiving, prayer and sacrifice during Lent, key events of Holy Week and researching important feast days.



The Year sixes will also prepare for their Confirmation. This unit will involve learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as each child completing a project about a Saint.

English

In English, Year 5 and 6 will explore different comprehension strategies. To further develop reading strategies, students will commence a novel study centering around the book "Once" by Morris Gleitzman. Students will have opportunities to discuss the book's theme, characters and storyline in whole and small group settings. This rich text exploration provides opportunities for students to discuss their different interpretations and to expand their understanding of the text. Incorporated into this book study is a writing component, students will be focusing on building their Information Report writing and language skills.

Spelling

Students will continue to engage in Spelling Mastery this term, a fully scripted Direct Instruction program that has an extensive research base and is teacher directed.

Mathematics

Problem Solving

Year 5 and 6 students will continue to prepare and participate in the APSMO Maths Olympiad and Maths Games competitions. This will give students the opportunity to learn valuable problem solving skills and challenge themselves against students from other schools. Throughout the term, students will be given opportunities to practise their problem solving skills in preparation for APSMO.

Number

- Fractions
- Decimals

Measurement

- Time

Space

- 3D Objects

Probability

- Describing probabilities
- Conducting chance experiments

Inquiry

This term our Inquiry Unit is called “The Digital World.” This unit will include:

- Examining how whole numbers are used as the basis for representing all types of data in digital systems
- Understanding and using Binary Code and ASCII
- Cyber Safety - how to stay safe online

Wellbeing

This term, we will be focusing on units from Respectful Relationships, with particular emphasis on emotional literacy and problem solving. This will include models for problem solving, role-playing and opportunities to reflect, evaluate and modify actions and responses to disagreements and conflict.

Homework

Students’ homework will continue to be posted weekly on Google Classroom on a Monday to be submitted on Friday.

Additionally, students will create a manual checklist of tasks due in their diaries to keep track of completed tasks.

Reading aloud is still an important aspect of reading at this age. We also encourage students to learn their multiplication tables.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if your child has issues with homework.

Dates for Your Diary

July

- 14th - Term 3 commences
- 17th - Semester 2 Leaders badge presentation 2:30pm
- 24th - Grandparents and Special Persons' Day
- 31st - Interschool Sport (Term 2 Makeup)

August

- 3rd - First Aid Program
- 3rd - Registration for Confirmation Opens
- 24th-27th - Book Week
- 24th - Character Dress Up Day
- 27th - Parent/Teacher Chats
- 28th - School Closure Day
- 28th - Registration for Confirmation Closes

September

- 2nd - Bishop visiting Year Sixes
- 3rd - Father's Day Stall
- 4th - Father's Day Classroom Visit, Morning Tea and Paraliturg
- 7th - Boorondara Youth Leadership Day Excursion
- 10th - Sacrament of Confirmation
- 14th - Prep and Senior Buddy Paraliturg
- 18th - End of Term 3 Footy Colours Day (12:45pm finish)

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

I am looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and fun,

Alyssa