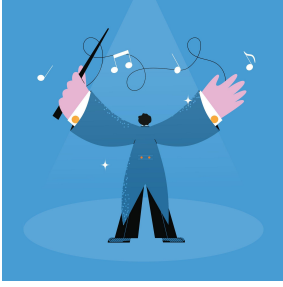


1/2 Newsletter

Term 3, 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Three! We hope the children had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. We have an exciting term ahead, filled with lots of wonderful learning opportunities and special events.

We know that organising costumes isn't always easy, but there are two dress-up days to look forward to this term. **Book Week** will be held in **Week 7**, with this year's theme, "**Symphony of Stories**". Students are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character as we celebrate the joy of reading. In the final week of term, we traditionally celebrate **Footy Day**, where students can wear football clothing (AFL, rugby or soccer) or the colours of their favourite sporting team.

We are also looking forward to our **School Art Show** at Holy Trinity and an exciting **excursion to the Melbourne Museum**, which will support our learning this term. We can't wait to share these experiences with the students. Further information about each event will be communicated closer to the dates.

Communication

The main method of communication is through PAM (SIMON). Please regularly check emails and respond to permissions. Don't forget to follow the Holy Trinity Primary School Wantirna South Facebook Page and Instagram Page. They are regularly updated with pictures and videos of learning and activities.

Religion

This term in Religion, students will begin with our unit **Alive in the Spirit**, where they will explore how the Holy Spirit guides us to live with love, respect and compassion for one another. Later in the term, students will deepen their understanding of **The Mass** by learning about its different parts, the meaning of sacred objects and symbols, the role of the priest, and the significance of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith.

History

This term, students will journey back in time as we explore the ancient civilisation of Mesopotamia. Throughout the unit, they will discover how the Mesopotamians developed communities, farming systems and royal hierarchies, and investigate how these innovations helped shape one of the world's earliest civilisations.

Literacy

This term in Literacy, students will continue to build their writing skills with a focus on sentence structure and narrative writing. They will extend their understanding of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs while learning how to create more detailed and engaging sentences. Throughout the term, students will plan, draft and publish a variety of imaginative narratives, developing both their creativity and confidence as writers.

In Reading, students will continue participating in our InitialLit program, working in Year 1 and Year 2 groups. Lessons will focus on strengthening decoding skills, improving reading fluency, building

spelling and grammar knowledge, and developing comprehension strategies to support confident, capable readers.

Take-home readers will continue to be changed every Monday. We greatly appreciate your support at home by listening to your child read regularly, reading aloud to them, and asking questions about the story. These simple activities help strengthen comprehension skills and nurture a lifelong love of reading.

Mathematics

This term in Mathematics, students will explore a range of exciting concepts as they continue to build their confidence and problem-solving skills. We will begin by investigating **2D and 3D shapes**, learning to recognise, compare and classify shapes based on their features.



Students will then develop their understanding of **multiplication** by exploring repeated addition, equal groups, arrays and partitioning. As their confidence grows, they will discover the important connection between multiplication and **division**, learning to share objects into equal groups, represent their thinking using arrays, recognise the division symbol, and solve simple word problems.

Later in the term, our focus will shift to **measurement**, where students will learn to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks through a range of practical, hands-on learning experiences.

Homework

Regular maths practice at home can also make a big difference. Spend a few minutes each day counting forwards and backwards to **1,000** from different starting points, skip counting by **2s, 5s and 10s** to **100**, and revising doubles and near doubles (for example, if $6 + 6 = 12$, then $6 + 7 = 13$). Students can also continue developing their mathematical skills by logging into their [NumBots](#) account for some extra practice.

Specialist Days

	1/2 Blue	1/2 Yellow	1/2 Green
PE	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Italian/ Performing Arts	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Science Tech	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday
Visual Arts	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Library	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday

Important Dates – Term 3

Please read the school newsletter to stay up to date with events and dates.

Kind regards,
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