

Year 4 Curriculum Letter

Term 4 2025

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL KEW



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final term of 2025. We appreciate all of your support and dedication to the learning of your children and we look forward to the term ahead. Congratulations to the children who received the Body of Christ for the first time during their First Eucharist during the Term 3. It is lovely that they can now participate fully in all Parish and School Masses.

ENGLISH

In line with the updated English 2.0 curriculum, we will be teaching and learning through the 3 interrelated strands of Language, Literature and Literacy. The 3 strands focus on developing students' knowledge, understanding, grammar and skills in listening, reading and viewing, speaking, writing and creating. Grammar and punctuation will be embedded into the 3 strands.

Term Novel

Uncle Xbox tells the story of Dusty, a twelve-year-old who loves nothing more than playing Xbox with his stepdad, Marcus. One Saturday everything changes: Marcus leaves, taking the Xbox with him. Dusty feels lost and angry, because the thing he enjoyed most has gone. But instead of giving up, he decides to earn money doing odd jobs so he can get his own Xbox. Along the way, Dusty's Uncle Rick arrives. Rick doesn't just help Dusty with chores—instead, he shows him surfing, introduces him to stories about their culture, and connects him to Country. Dusty begins to wonder if maybe there's more to life than screens and gaming. With humour, heart, and honest feelings, *Uncle Xbox* is a coming-of-age tale about family, belonging, cultural identity, and discovering what really matters. It's perfect for anyone who's ever thought losing something might lead to finding something even more important.



Speaking and Listening

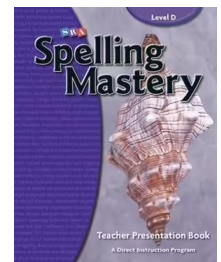
Preparing and delivering a presentation as part of our Inquiry Unit will be the main focus for Speaking and Listening this term. Parents are invited to these presentations from **11.15am on Thursday 27th November**. Closer to the date, a schedule of speakers will be sent home for those who are keen to pop in for their child's presentation but cannot stay for the full time.

Handwriting/Typing

Students will start to receive their Pen Licence this term. As well as consolidating our handwriting, we will have a large focus on typing skills and proficiency. We will soon begin using the online resource *TypingClub*.

Spelling

This term we will continue to use Spelling Mastery as our spelling program which will finish mid-term. From here, we will have revision of spelling rules and an individualised list of words for students to work on weekly. During lessons, we will be focusing on morphological and phonological awareness strategies to help master their spelling.



MATHEMATICS

Students will focus on the following areas:

Number

- Multiplication and Division
 - Key ideas include equal groups, composite units, properties of multiplication, division with a remainder and properties of division

Measurement

- Mass & Capacity
 - Key ideas include attribute, comparison, unit of measure, conservation, equivalence and conversion

Space

- 3D Objects
 - Key ideas include features, properties, classification, orientation and point of view

Statistics

- Data investigation
 - Key ideas include classification, variation, expectation, distribution and informal inference

Probability

- Probability
 - Key ideas include probability, randomness, fairness, bias, independent event and dependent event

Religious Education

Children will explore the history of the Catholic Church in Australia and then focus more specifically on Caroline Chisholm. In the unit 'Emmanuel - God is with Us,' students will read the birth narratives and discuss the settings and characters of the Christmas story. The Year 4s will be attending Mass on **Friday 22 November**. Families are invited to attend! We will be leading an Advent Paraliturgie in late November so keep an eye on the Newsletter for this announcement.

Inquiry: The Humanities

During Term 4, we will be learning about Great Explorations, including the colonial beginnings of Australia and the First Nations People, taking into account multiple perspectives and stories. This will be further unpacked by examining the impact of European exploration on other societies and how these experiences contributed to today's cultural diversity. We will be living out some naval history on an **excursion to Polly Woodside and the Immigration museum on Monday November 17**.

Wellbeing

Alongside our whole-school multi-age Wellbeing Groups, Year 4 students will be focussing on units from Respectful Relationships, with a particular emphasis on Stress Management. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Describe the influence that people, situations and events have on their emotions
- Explore strategies to manage physical, social and emotional change
- Describe and apply strategies that can be used in situations that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Explain the value of self-discipline and goal-setting in helping them to learn and to cope with change and challenge
- Describe personal strengths and identify coping strategies that they can apply to help them cope with change and challenge.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

The Timetable for Subject Teachers is as follows for Term 4:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Handed Out/Handed In		Performing Arts (Mrs Mulhall)	Physical Education (Mr O'Shea)	Spelling Assessment
		Mandarin (Mrs Chen)	Visual Art (Mrs Burnes)	Assembly
Year Level Sport				

Homework

STUDENT HOMEWORK REMINDERS:

- Set your work out NEATLY and CLEARLY (ruled margin and a heading)
- Revise and edit all of your work
- Complete ALL activities
- Parents to please sign or initial each page. Our aim is to get 100% of Homework Books each week.
- Don't forget to ask your teacher or a parent for help if you find any homework task tricky

It is important that children continue to develop automatic recall of all times tables whether this is set as homework or not.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

14th - Disney Frozen Jr. Musical 7pm
15th - Disney Frozen Jr. Musical 7pm
16th - School Closure Day
17th - Assembly 2:30pm
24th - Year 3/4 Cricket Day
31st - Assembly 2:30pm

November

3rd - School Closure Day
4th - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
11th - Remembrance Day
14th - Colour Run 2:00pm
17th - Year 4 Excursion to Polly Woodside
and the Immigration Museum
21st - Assembly 2:30pm
28th - Assembly 2:30pm

December

4th - Christmas Carols 6pm
5th - School Closure Day
8th - 12th Swimming at MLC
12th - Assembly 2:30pm
15th - Year 1 - 5 Transition Morning
16th - End of Year Mass
16th - End of Term (12:45pm finish)

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 diary, 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, adventure and fun,
Mak, Matt & Liz