

Year 4 Term 1 2025 Newsletter



Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on our school motto: Christ in the Heart of All. We will also look at ways we pray as Catholics, and the different types of prayers we use, both formal and informal. Lent begins on Wednesday March 5th so we will look at the ritual of Ash Wednesday, journeying from Lent to Easter and investigating Caritas through Project Compassion, leading up to the Resurrection of Jesus.

Digital Technologies

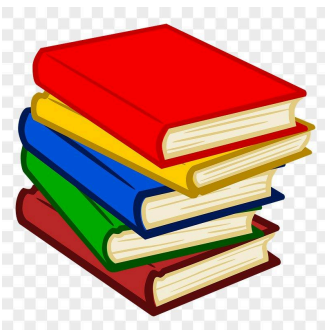
Our first topic for the year is on cyber safety as we realise this is a very urgent need for our students moving forward in the digital world. In the classroom we will cover important topics such as staying safe in the online world and using your voice for 'good'. We will continue to develop our chromebook skills. We will be using the chromebooks across all areas of the curriculum and make greater use of our Google Drive to work collaboratively online. We need to ensure that our Drive is organised, with all files in appropriate folders. We are also going to tidy up how we label our docs with our **name first and then the title**. We also need to make sure that our name is ON the document as well.



English

In English this term we will be covering mentor texts with a learning focus on increasing accuracy of reading, expanding vocabulary, grammar and comprehension strategies.

In week 4, we will be commencing reading/synonym work as part of our homework. Students need to record their reading in their diaries each night and are expected to gather vocab each week and research synonyms. We will discuss homework and reading in greater detail in class this week.



Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, we are focusing on addition, subtraction, fractions, time and multiplication. The students will be looking at using a number line and partitioning to add and subtract large numbers, as well as applying their knowledge to real life contexts and problem solving. Our other key focus this term is mental strategies to help students solve equations efficiently.



Inquiry

This term we are focusing on Civics and Citizenship. Students will learn about democracy and explore how rules are made and delve further into specifics regarding our local government. We will also be focusing on Personal, Social and Community Health. We hope to enrich the students' knowledge on identity, cultural diversity and understand how people participate in their local community.

Homework

The first homework grid will be sent home on **Monday of Week 4** this term and students have been asked to return their work completed on the **Friday of Week 6**. Homework grids will continue to follow this fortnightly pattern. Homework will be accepted before and on the due date **but NOT after the due date**. It is important that all students continue to read for 20 minutes each night and record it in their diary.

Parent teacher Information Exchange

Please remember to look out for information on how to book a time for the parent/teacher/student information exchange sessions on: **Monday 17th of February and Wednesday 19th February.**

Important Dates

All important dates are in the weekly newsletter and will shortly be put into student diaries. We encourage you to read all school correspondence to stay on top of everything that's happening in our ever busy school.

Allergies and Sharing Food

It is our school policy that no nuts are brought to school. This includes nutella and peanut butter. In year 4, we have students who are highly allergic so we ask that you ensure that your child is not taking nuts in any form to school. We also do not allow food to be shared between students. For birthdays and other occasions students are not allowed to bring chocolates, lollies etc. to be shared with the class.

Fruit Break

Each day, the students can snack on a piece of fruit or vegetables during designated 'Fruit Break' times. This must be a quick snack **in a small container**, so that it doesn't interrupt their learning. Remember that everyday is NUDE FOOD Day. We are trying to reduce our waste as a school community.



Uniform

Term 1 and 4: Summer uniform

Term 2 and 3: Winter uniform

Students in Year 4 are required to wear their sports uniform on both Tuesday and Friday each week. The students have Physical Education on Tuesday and class sport on Friday. Please note that school shoes must be worn with summer and winter uniforms. Runners are only allowed to be worn on P.E days. Hair must be kept neat and tidy. If your child's hair is below collar length, it must be tied up. Hair should also not cover a student's eyes and there is to be no colouring. Jewellery (other than stud earrings) and nail polish are not permitted at school.

Mobile phones and smart watches

Mobile phones and smartwatches with calling capabilities must be handed in each morning to their teacher and they will be handed back at the end of the day. This also includes all devices that have had 'calling and texting modes' switched off.

Contacts

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