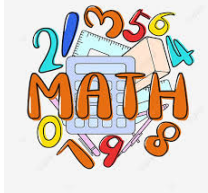


LEVEL NEWSLETTER

2026 Term Four		<u>BIRTHDAYS</u> October 20th - Matthew Papalia 30th - Charlotte De Silva November 23rd - Marcus VanCuylenberg December 2nd - Johnny Dais 29th - Arlia Marshall 
Staff Contact		Please remember to schedule send emails to staff between the hours of 8 am & 4 pm (Mon-Fri) All communication must be emailed. Cristina Vezzu - cvezzu@hfmw.catholic.edu.au
Specialist Classes	MONDAY	Library
	TUESDAY	STEM
	WEDNESDAY	Art
	THURSDAY	AUSLAN Performing Arts PE 3/4 Level Sport
	FRIDAY	Library
RELIGION 	This term, our Grade 3 students will continue to grow in their understanding of faith through exploring some important Catholic beliefs, traditions and people. Students will begin by continuing their learning about the Sacraments and how they are special signs of God's love and presence in our lives. They will explore the Sacraments and consider how these celebrations help us grow in our relationship with God and with our faith community. We will also spend time learning about the Rosary, discovering its importance as a prayer and a way of reflecting on the life of Jesus and	

	Mary. Students will have opportunities to become familiar with the prayers of the Rosary and understand how this prayer can help us to slow down, reflect and connect with God. Students will be introduced to St Francis of Assisi, learning about his deep love for God, creation and all living things. Through his example, students will consider how they can show kindness, care for others and respect God's creation in their own everyday lives. As we approach the end of the year, we will enter into the season of Advent. Students will explore Advent as a time of waiting, hope, preparation and joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Throughout the unit, students will be encouraged to make connections between their learning and their own lives, developing prayerful habits and finding meaningful ways to live out their faith each day.
SPELLING   PhOrMeS Recording: Morphology & Etymology Workshop	PhOrMes is a comprehensive spelling program that focuses on phonemic awareness, word patterns, and spelling rules to help students become confident, independent spellers. The program integrates both phonics and morphology, teaching not only how words are spelled but also why they follow certain patterns. In the classroom, students will learn through a variety of activities, including direct instruction, word sorts, and hands-on practice, to reinforce their understanding of spelling concepts. This approach ensures that spelling instruction is engaging, systematic, and supports reading and writing development. These are the spelling patterns and sounds we will be focussing on this term: - Latin base - Port - Greek - Bio - Latin base - Rupt - Greek base - Zoo
LITERACY (Reading/Writing) 	Literacy and the Knowledge Rich units work together to enhance the students' writing skills. Throughout the units, the students will develop their writing skills by learning how to write clear, well-structured sentences and paragraphs about scientific topics. They will practise using conjunctions such as because, but, so, although, if, and since to explain ideas and show relationships between facts. Students will also continue to write topic sentences, add supporting details, and finish with a concluding sentence to create informative paragraphs, which they have had practice with throughout the year. The students will also write hypotheses before experiments and discussion paragraphs afterwards, helping them explain their thinking and communicate their findings like young scientists.

MATHEMATICS



The mathematical topics that the Year Three's will be covering this term are:

Topic	Unit Objective	Key Ideas
<u>Location</u>	Objects have a position in 2D space that can be changed and recorded.	Position, direction, orientation
<u>Probability</u>	Events can be classified according to how likely they are to occur.	Probability, randomness, fairness, bias
<u>Multiplication & Division 3</u>	Quantities can be shared and grouped into equal groups.	Equal groups, composite units, properties of multiplication, division with a remainder, properties of division
<u>Mass & Capacity</u>	Attributes of an object can be measured using formal metric units.	Attribute, comparison, unit of measure, conservation, equivalence, conversion

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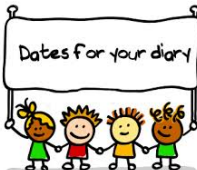
Habitats and Change

In this unit, students will explore how living things survive in different habitats and how plants and animals are adapted to their environments. They will learn to identify the characteristics of living, non-living, and once-living things, investigate a range of habitats and ecosystems, and discover how physical and behavioural adaptations help organisms meet their needs for food, water, shelter, and space. Students will also examine how animals work together in groups to survive, investigate the relationship between the structure and function of plants through hands-on experiments, and begin learning about cells and tissues as the basic building blocks of living things. The unit also introduces life cycles, food chains, and the important roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers

Forces and Energy

Students will also be exploring heat energy and forces and how they affect the world around us. They will investigate different sources of heat energy

	and explore what happens when heat is transferred from one object to another, including how this can cause changes in temperature. Students will also investigate different types of forces, including friction, gravity, magnetism and electrostatic forces. They will explore how forces can act through direct contact or from a distance, and how forces can change the speed or direction of an object's movement.
BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM 	<u>PBL</u> This term we continue to introduce our new Behaviour Matrix, which focuses on our 3 values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

	<u>Term 4 Dates</u> October Mon 5 All students resume Wed 7 Division Athletics Thu 15 Division Basketball Fri 16 Division T20 Cricket Fri 16 1/2 Camp Day Thu 22 EMR Athletics Thu 22 Prep transition session 1, 9-10:30am Wed 28 Prep 2027 Information Night, 7-8pm Thu 29 Prep transition session 2, 9-10:30am & 1:45-2:45pm Fri 30 World Teacher's Day November Mon 2 School Closure Day Tue 3 Melbourne Cup Day Thu 5 Prep Excursion Tue 10 Prep transition session 3, 9-10:30am Wed 11 Remembrance Day
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	Thu 12	Visual Art Showcase (Around the World), 5-7pm
	Fri 13	School Closure Day
	Thu 19	Prep transition session 4, 9-10:30am & 1:45-2:45pm
	Fri 20	Year 6 District Fun Day
	Thu 26	Prep transition session 5: 1-3pm
	Fri 27	School Closure Day
	Mon 30	Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program begins
	December	
	Thu 3	Christmas Carols 5:30-7:30pm
	Wed 9	Year 6 Graduation
	Fri 11	Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program concludes
	Tue 15	End of Year Celebration Mass 9:30-10:30am
	Wed 16	End of Year Assembly 11:30-1pm
	Wed 16	Term 4 Concludes 1pm