



Prep Newsletter - Term Four, 2023



Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe this is our fourth and final term in Prep! We are so proud of all the children and can't wait for all the fun to come this term.

| IMPORTANT EVENTS - more information to come! | | | |
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| Wednesday November 1st Twilight Sports | Monday November 6th Melbourne Cup School Closure Day | Friday November 17th Day Before the Fete School Closure Day | Saturday November 18th Parish Fete |
| November 13th-24th Swimming | Friday November 24th 9am Prep Level Mass | Sunday December 3rd 11:15am Prep Parish Mass | Final week of school date TBC Nativity Prayer Service |

| Timetable | PD | PO |
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| Library | Monday | |
| PE | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Auslan | Thursday | Tuesday |
| STEMMS | Wednesday | |
| Visual Arts | Wednesday | |

| Literacy |
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| <p>This Term, we will be focusing particularly on fictional texts. Students will be reading a range of well-known narratives to examine their structure and familiar features. While reading, students will also be assisted to develop their comprehension of what they read by focusing on skills such as asking questions about a text, making connections between themselves and a text, or with other familiar texts. They will be focusing on decoding skills such as the final non-syllabic 'e' (often referred to as the 'magic e') and how it changes the way we sound out letters (e.g. cap/cape). During Writing sessions this term, students will be introduced to writing simple narratives. This will commence with students drawing on their understandings from our Reading sessions about narratives having a certain structure (Beginning, Middle, End) and they will experiment with writing simple narratives of their own. The children will continue to develop their skills in writing a weekly recount to include greater detail and information and engage in letter writing.</p> |

| Maths |
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| <p>In Term Four, students will be introduced to the topic of division, named as 'sharing'. They will use concrete materials to represent practical situations to model sharing, and share individual items (with and without left overs) into equal groups. We will return to addition and subtraction to revise these topics and strategies used to solve such equations, working to higher numbers (e.g. 20). Students will also explore Australian money, including representing simple, everyday financial situations involving money, and using toy money to pay for goods in play situations. They will be given experiences to begin to recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value and begin to add some simple amounts of coins (e.g. 10c + 10c + 10c). Finally, students will explore graphing - both collecting data and interpreting a range of graphs (e.g. bar, picture).</p> |



| Hope - What do I hope for? | |
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| Religion | Inquiry Learning |
| <p>During Term Four, students will continue to explore the Bible stories, this time with a focus on the concept of hope. They will explore the difference between the Old Testament and New Testament and the stories contained within each of these. They will reflect on different hopes that were contained within messages of different stories and how it relates to our lives today. They will also explore the Creation story and hopes we can take from this (e.g. for people and for our environment). Students will share prayers of hope and explore the season of Advent as a time of waiting and hope.</p> | <p>During Term Four, students will be introduced to the concept of 'hope' and identified what it means, and how it feels to be hopeful. They will particularly focus on the ideas that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We can all have hope - Hope is action driven - Different people have different hopes <p>They will read and respond to stories of hope and articulate and share their hopes for themselves, the future, their families and the wider community.</p> |

Our newsletter provides a brief overview of our learning across all areas in the classroom. We will also be in contact via email as events and needs arise. Please don't forget to check the School Newsletter weekly for important information and the most updated dates for upcoming events.

Please continue to contact us should the need arise. Looking forward to sharing another term of partnership and learning!

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