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St Patrick's College, Strathfield – Junior School

Key Learning Area (KLA)	Outline		
Driving Question: Why are connections important?  Focus: Global Citizenship			
Religious Education	Mary: Faithful Disciple This unit looks at Mary as a faithful disciple and model for the Church. Students will explore women of faith and courage, and Mary as a woman of great faith and courage. Students will then review Catholic Marian devotion in art and music.  The Bible: Our Sacred Story This unit explores the Bible as our Sacred Scriptures. Students review the great story of our tradition, its significant people and events. The unit also		
English	briefly introduces the students to the formation of the Bible.  In this unit students will be given the opportunity to explore poetry and imaginative texts to develop their understanding of imagery, connotation, and symbolism. They will explore different media and authors and understand how imagery can enhance and disguise meaning. Connotation may evoke associated feelings, and symbolism can help explain, images, sounds, senses and ideas. Students also consider the individual and national responsibilities of global citizens in the 21st Century and are encouraged to think about how they can act to facilitate equity and justice for others through their choices and actions.		
	Library The focus text for the library is 'Circle' by Jeannie Baker. This book clearly shows the interconnectedness of our world and asks the students to reflect on their responsibility as global citizens.  We will also celebrate Book Week August 20-26th – Dreaming with eyes open Author visit - Mark Greenwood August 16th		
Mathematics	Weeks: 1 & 2: Position, Whole Number 3 & 4: Multiplication & Division, Area 5 & 6: Fractions & Decimals 7 & 8: Time, Patterns & Algebra 9 & 10: Data, Chance		
Science & Technology	Properties of materials determine their use Stage 3 of the Material World strand focuses on how the properties of a range of materials, and the way in which they are combined, determine their use and inform design solutions. Students investigate the different properties of solids, liquids and gases, and consider combining and separating mixtures. Stage 3 of this strand introduces students to fundamental concepts of chemistry and is an introduction to materials technologies.		
	Focus Question: Why are the characteristics of materials important when designing and producing?		
Geography (Semester Two)	A Diverse and Connected World Students explore countries of the Asia region and the connections Australia has with other countries across the world. Students learn about the diversity of the world's people, including the indigenous peoples of other countries.		

	Students explore and reflect upon similarities, differences and the importance of intercultural understanding.		
	Inquiry Questions:		
	How do places, people and cultures differ across the world?		
	What are Australia's global connections?		
	How do people's connection to places affect their perceptions of them?		
Personal	PD/H/PE (theory)		
Development,	Students will study the following areas:		
Health & Physical	changes that occur during puberty		
Education	pregnancy and childbirth		
(PD/H/PE)	<ul> <li>making safe choices when dealing with the many different situations they may find themselves in</li> </ul>		
	PD/H/PE (practical) Students will:		
	<ul> <li>learn the skills of Ultimate Frisbee and be assessed on their ability to master these skills</li> </ul>		
	participate in fitness testing by completing a beep test		
	be introduced to the skills associated with volleyball and assessed on		
1	skills learnt in a modified version of the game		
Languages (Semester 2 - 6	This semester, students of Italian will develop an understanding of the values and practices of their own and other cultures. In this subject they will		
Blue, 6 Green, 6	investigate various aspects of cultural and language practices and record and		
White)	present them using a variety of strategies. Their awareness and desire to		
·	explore beyond their own experience will help them to appreciate the diversity		
	and commonality that exists among cultures. Students will be involved in		
	language activities such as composing and presenting short role-plays,		
	participating in question-and-answer activities, reading simple texts and using bilingual dictionaries. Students will communicate in Italian in familiar social		
	and classroom situations, understand and respond to short texts based on		
	simple language structures set in familiar contexts. They will compose simple		
	coherent texts using basic sentence structures which include features of		
	learnt oral and written language.		
Creative Arts –	Students will develop knowledge and understanding, skills, values and		
Music	attitudes in Performing, Organising Sound and Listening by experiencing		
	musical concepts within a wide range of repertoire. Students will perform a range of repertoire, both as individuals and in group situations, demonstrating		
	an understanding of the musical concepts. They will organise musical ideas		
	into compositions, using notation systems to record these, and listen to a		
	range of familiar and unfamiliar music to gain a better understanding and		
	appreciation for the various genres.		
Creative Arts -	Students will develop ideas for artworks based on the study of artists and		
Visual Arts	exploration of the notion known as anthropomorphism (the showing or		
(Semester 2 – 6	treating of animals and objects as if they are human in appearance, character or behaviour). Students will consider the ways artists investigate, represent		
Black, 6 Gold, 6 Red)	and communicate concepts of hybridity, mutation and metamorphosis while		
1104)	investigating the artworks of contemporary artists such as Ryan Berkley,		
	Patricia Piccinini and Peter Booth. Students will create a series of works		
	exploring the making forms of drawing, painting and textiles.		