

Year 3 Term 4 Newsletter 2022



Events to Remember

Please refer to the school newsletter for important dates for this term.

Week 1:

- Friday 7/10: Year 3 hosting Prayer Service

Week 3:

- Monday 17/10: Twilight Athletics 4:15- 7:15 pm
- Tuesday 18/10: Reconciliation Formation Night 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Saturday 22/10: Reconciliation Commitment Mass 6:00-7:00 pm

Week 4:

- Sunday 23/10: Reconciliation Commitment Mass 9:45 or 11:15 am

Week 5:

- Monday 31/10: School Closure Day
- Tuesday 01/11: Melbourne Cup Day

Week 6:

- Wednesday 9/11: Sacrament of Reconciliation 3H - 6:00pm 3K -7:30 pm
- Friday 11/11: Remembrance Day

Week 7:

- SCHOOL SWIMMING
- Friday 18/11: School Closure Day
- Saturday 19/11: Parish Fete

Week 8:

- SCHOOL SWIMMING

Week 10:

- Monday 5/12: School Closure Day
- Thursday 08/12: Thanksgiving Mass 7:00 pm

Week 11:

- Friday 16/12: Students' Last Day



Classroom News

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all found ways to relax, rejuvenate and have some fun over the school holidays. It is hard to believe we have come to our final term of the year! We do have an exciting and action packed term ahead and are so looking forward to sharing lots of great experiences, learning and fun with the children.

A reminder that hats must be worn this term!

Please continue to check the school newsletter for important dates.



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Inquiry

This term's Inquiry Unit is titled 'Why does my voice matter?'. In this unit students will recognise that as active participants in a global community, we have rights and responsibilities to ensure justice and equity for all.

Students will explore the importance of rules and their role in keeping us safe. They will identify how and why decisions are made democratically in communities. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a secret ballot, providing an engaging and meaningful method of teaching democracy.

Finally, students will investigate why and how people participate within communities and cultural and social groups.



Religion

This term's R.E unit is titled 'Responsible Disciples of God'. In this unit students will explore the Catholic Social Teachings of Common Good, Subsidiarity and Participation and Solidarity. They will explore why these are important to them as individuals, for their community and to the broader global community.

They will then learn about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and explore how they can be used to make a difference, identifying how others use the fruits to make a difference.

Finally, as we move closer to Christmas, the focus will move to Mary as a disciple and the Christmas narrative.



Reading

In Reading lessons, we will continue to build on our decoding and comprehension strategies of both informative and imaginative texts. We will focus on story settings and how authors use writing techniques such as alliteration and onomatopoeia to engage readers. We will read stories and identify the point of view of characters. Students will be given opportunities to suggest alternate points of view. Students will learn about drawing and filming techniques used in illustrations and short films to convey information and meaning.

Writing

This term, in writing we are revisiting narratives, with a main focus on building the suspense in our stories by creating a pebble (small) problem, a rock (medium) problem and a boulder (large) problem. This builds the tension and leads up to the climax followed by a resolution. The students will also work on building their descriptive language using their five senses and using the "show don't tell" writing strategy. This will be followed by a unit on letter writing. Here the students will practice addressing envelopes, drafting, sending and receiving a letter. We will then complete the term with our Christmas Writing unit where the students can choose to write pieces from the many writing genres learnt this year.



Mathematics

Our first topic in Maths this term is Data. The students will gain experience in both interpreting and presenting data in tables and on a number of graphs. They will form questions about a topic, use a tally to collect data and present data they collect in Two-way tables, Venn diagrams and on pictographs and column graphs.

We will then explore the Measurement units of Time, Mass, Volume and Capacity. Students will learn to read both analogue and digital time to the nearest minute. They will be given the opportunity to read as well as draw different times on both analogue and digital clocks. Through exploring the Measurement units of Mass, Volume and Capacity, the students will gain experience in using measuring devices such as scales and measuring jugs, and also spend time exploring the relationship between different units of measurement eg. $1000\text{ g} = 1\text{ Kg}$.

In Number and Algebra, the students will identify and create number patterns and will utilize their understanding of decimals through a unit on Financial Maths. They will gain experience in representing money values in multiple ways, rounding amounts to the nearest dollar and performing simple calculations.

