

# Year 1/2 Parent Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2024. This term is full of lots of exciting events and we are looking forward to sharing them with you. Please look at the dates at the end of the newsletter to inform you of upcoming events.



Love one another.

## **Religion**

During Term Four, we will be focusing on the signs of God's love. Students are introduced to the ways in which God's love has been experienced through time. They explore the love God discovered in family life. They will also learn about the love of God for His people. Finally they will explore the Church as an expression of God's love.

We will also be learning about Advent. Advent is the time that we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas. During our Advent unit the children will begin to explore what it means to wait and hope. We will explore different Advent traditions and learn about ways that they can prepare for Christ's coming through prayer and being kind to others.

## **Literacy**

This term in Reading we will continue to build on our reading skills (decoding and automaticity) that help establish our reading fluency and expression. Students will be explicitly taught spelling, grammar and vocabulary. Through their exposure to a range of books they will continue developing their comprehension skills.

In Writing we will continue to focus on skills related to grammar, punctuation and handwriting. They will begin to read and write persuasive texts, learning to write sentences and paragraphs that use persuasive devices. Towards the end of term the students will begin writing narratives and persuasive texts in shorter time frames to begin preparing for NAPLAN, which is early Grade 3. Writing is the only area that requires preparation, as the way we teach children to write takes place slowly over a week, building up their skills and using more detailed plans. During NAPLAN the students will be required to plan and write quickly. Exposing them to the timeframe and practicing, assists building their confidence before they reach Grade 3.

## **Inquiry**

Our Science unit this term will focus on Physical Sciences. Students will investigate the ways that pushing and pulling objects can make them move. They will also explore different actions to make sounds, how to make a variety of sounds and recognise that sound energy causes objects to vibrate. We will also be covering Design Technology. The students will be following the design process to plan, build and reflect on things that they have built.

## **Mathematics**

We have a busy final term in Mathematics. The students will be learning about location and using directions to move around maps and grids. In the fractions unit they will be further developing their understanding of halves, quarter and eighths, they will be applying their knowledge in a practical way identifying fractions in shapes, capacity and mass. During the data unit the students will be collecting data and representing it in picture and column graphs. When learning about number

patterns, students will be identifying and solving problems looking at the pattern. The final unit is measurement, where students will be measuring mass and capacity using informal units.

### **Homework**

Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. Inside their diary is a note with all of their passwords. We encourage students to use Matific. Please ensure that the home reading diary is filled out and returned to your child's classroom teacher on their allocated days.

### **Grade 1/2 Camp**

Grade 1/2 camp will be on Wednesday 4 December, students will participate in an action packed fun day and stay at school until 5.30. Further information will be sent home closer to the event.

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### **Important Dates - Term 4**

7 October	First Day of Term 4
9 October	Incursion - The Chocolate Shop (two hours)
24 October	Learning Showcase 3.30-5.00pm
30 October	Kaboom Sports Family Night
4 November	School Closure Day
5 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
15 November	Colour Fun Run
18-20 November	Book Fair - In the Library after school
4 December	1/2 'Camp' until 5.30
5 December	Christmas Carols in the Church 6pm
6 December	Gratitude Mass at St Judes
11 December	Excursion to Myuna Farm
17 December	Last Day of Term 4