

2026 Prep Term One Overview



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Welcome to Prep at Trinity! Our goal this year is to empower our students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in school. We recognise the significance of nurturing strong relationships within our school community and firmly believe that these connections are fundamental to establishing a truly enriching and successful learning environment. If you have any concerns or would like to stay updated on your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you!

Religion and Inquiry

During Term One, the Prep students will explore the idea of community and what it means to belong. They will explore the relevance of names, places and people within our community.

Students will:

- *share stories of their families and learn more about our diverse communities*
- *learn about Sacred Spaces and how to pray*
- *investigate the origins and importance of their names*
- *discuss the different names we call God and the meaning behind these*
- *explore our neighbourhood and learn about local community members who help us*

Literacy

This term, students will engage in a variety of literacy experiences. They will participate in daily phonics lessons through our Little Learners Love Literacy Programme, in addition, students will be exposed to a wide range of rich literature texts and role play opportunities.

Students will:

- *focus on phonics and phonemic awareness*
- *orally blend and segment sounds in words*
- *learn how to write personally significant words*
- *explore rich texts such as "Come Over to My House" and "Stay for Dinner"*

- recall one or two events from a text (picture story books, big books, class made books and non fiction texts)
- identify connections between texts and personal experiences
- identify and describe likes and dislikes about texts, objects, characters, and events

Maths

In Term One students will focus on applying a variety of mathematical concepts using real life and role play experiences.

Students will:

- create, make and continue patterns
- sequence days of the week and times of day including morning, lunchtime, afternoon and night time
- read and write numbers
- count (forwards and backwards)
- count groups and collections of objects

Wellbeing

In Term One students will focus on naming and labelling our emotions.

Students will:

- explore how emotions can change the way their body feels, for example, "When I am scared my knees can feel shaky"
- use picture story books and role play to explore how we can de-escalate ourselves when we are feeling upset so we are ready to learn
- be given a grade six Buddy to support with their transition into school and be a friendly face on the playground

Digital Technology

Students will use a variety of different technology tools to supplement classroom learning. They will be introduced to their class iPads.

Health and Physical Education with Mrs McLeary - rmcleary@tcs.catholic.edu.au

During Term One students will practise the fundamental movement skills of run, jump, hop and skip. They will practise these skills using different body parts and in a variety of settings. Students will also develop their understanding of basic games emphasising the need for rules and safety.

Mandarin with Mr Su - ksu@tcs.catholic.edu.au

In Term One, Prep students will start their Mandarin learning journey by exploring daily greetings and phrases for class routines. They will build up their fundamental understanding of the language by learning vocabulary and expressions around numbers and colours. Students will be immersed in the sounds and spoken words of Mandarin, the meaning of which is made clear through participation in a range of activities in the class. In addition, students will also explore the basic features of the unique writing system using Chinese characters.

Performing Arts with Ms Stanton - sstanton@tcs.catholic.edu.au

In Term One of Performing Arts, students will engage in improvisational games and imagination exercises to build a sense of ensemble. They will build narratives as a group and will enhance their personal and social capability by naming and practising the skills needed to successfully work together. Using everyday movement, in combination with basic elements of music, students will begin exploring creative movement possibilities safely.

Science/STEM with Miss Angelo- nangelo@tcs.catholic.edu.au

Driving Question: How can we observe changes in the sky and on the land around us?

Overview:

This term, students will become young scientists, using their observation skills to notice changes in the sky and the environment around us. Exploring Our Sky, introduces students to observable changes in the sky and landscape, focusing on day and night, weather patterns, and seasonal changes.

Students engage in hands-on, inquiry-based activities such as observing the sky, modelling Earth's rotation, tracking the sun's position, and recording daily weather. They learn to ask questions, make observations, and represent their ideas through drawings and writing in their science journals, showcasing their growing understanding of how the environment changes around them.

Visual Art with Ms Denise - dkolokotronis@tcs.catholic.edu.au

In Term One, Prep students will focus on developing fine motor skills, exploring colour and different types of lines through simple engaging projects. Students will also complete a series of art activities related to picture books. The story 'Beautiful Oops' illustrates how mistakes can be made into something beautiful. Students will create a mixed media artwork inspired by the picture book. Preps will also have the opportunity to develop their art skills in drawing, painting, collage, modelling and construction.

Term One Key Dates:

February:

Thursday 12th - Family Welcome Night, 5.30pm

Wednesday 18th - Ash Wednesday Mass, 10am

Friday 20th - School Photos (Academic Uniform)

March:

Week of Monday 2nd - Preps begin school full time

Monday 9th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th - Dental Van Visit

Friday 13th - Prep SB Sharing at Assembly, 2.45pm

April:

Thursday 2nd - Last day of term, 1.45pm finish