

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1 2025



We are looking forward to an exciting year, full of fun, laughter and learning! Please don't forget to check the School Newsletter weekly for important information and dates.

### What's on in Term 1

- Monday 10th February - Photo Day
- Wednesday 12th February - Parent Information Night
- Sunday 23rd February - Founders Day Mass @ 9:45am SJM
- Tuesday 4th March - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 5th March - Year 4 Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12 noon SJV
- Friday 7th March - School Closure Day
- Monday 10th March - Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 25th March - First Eucharist Parent Information Evening 6.30pm @ SJV Community Centre
- Tues 25th March - Year 4 Sports Gala Day (interschool sports)
- Sat 29th March (6pm) or Sun 30th March (9:45 or 11:15) First Eucharist Commitment Mass
- Thurs 3rd / Fri 4th April - Learning Conferences
- Friday 4th April - Last day for classes
- PLEASE NOTE - First Eucharist - 17th May - 12 noon @ St. John's Church**

### Home Learning

It is expected that the children read for a minimum of 20 mins per night, four times a week. The children need to record this in their diary and ensure it is signed and returned to school each Friday.

Home learning will always be meaningful and may be given at various times throughout the term for the following reasons

- To reinforce skills and knowledge that the child is acquiring at school (Needs Based)
- To research, prepare for presentations, collect materials, administer surveys etc. to support classroom topics of study (Topic Based)
- To engage families in learning (Family Based)

Timetable			
4F		4L	
Library	Thursday	Library	Friday
Physical Education	Wednesday	Physical Education	Wednesday
Auslan	Wednesday	Auslan	Wednesday
Performing Arts	Tuesday	Performing Arts	Tuesday
STEMMS	Tuesday	STEMMS	Tuesday

Feel free to contact us throughout the school year! Our doors are always open! If you wish to visit us for more than a 'Hello', please remember to make an appointment for before or after school.

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# What We Are Learning In...

## Reading

These are some of the reading strategies we will be focusing on this term:

### COMPREHENSION:

- Retelling the key events and summarising
- Making connections with the text
- Locating information in the text
- Questioning

### DECODING/ACCURACY:

- Continue using strategies such as *chunking, cross checking, skipping the word and then coming back, flipping the sound, re-reading to self-correct* etc.

### FLUENCY:

- Paying attention to punctuation
- Reading with expression
- Reading rate/pace – *read not too fast and not too slow*

### VOCABULARY:

- Looking at the text that comes before and after the unknown word to understand it's meaning
- Reading a variety of texts, fiction and nonfiction, to expand vocabulary (using tools like glossaries, dictionaries and thesauruses)

## Writing

- Editing and Revising
- Spelling Patterns
- Letter Formation, Sizing and Placement
- Writing Genres:
  - Poetry
  - Narratives

## Maths

### NUMBER:

- Place Value (whole number and decimals)
- Addition and Subtraction
- Fractions
- Multiplication and Division

### MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY

- Time

## Integrated/Inquiry Learning

### History

- significant events, symbols and emblems that express Australian identity and diversity
- significance of national, religious and cultural celebrations and commemorations
- changing ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' knowledge, understandings and experiences are recognised

## Religion

- The Eucharist 'Celebrating Jesus' Presence'
  - The Apostles Creed, Moses and making connections between Moses, Jesus, the Last Supper and Eucharist
- Alleluia! He is Risen!
  - Lent, Catholic Social Teachings and Holy Week

## SEL

Our whole school value for the term is Respect. Students will explain how they can be respectful to themselves and others.

