



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1

Term 2, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Religious Education

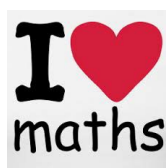
This term, the students will explore the many ways in which Mary, Mother of Jesus, is honoured by Christians and develop their understanding and knowledge of the prayer, The Hail Mary. They will also learn that Sacraments are sacred actions of the Church through which God is present. In the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, words, actions and symbols are used to communicate God's presence and action.



Mathematics

In Term 2, the students will continue to engage in learning activities across the three strands of Mathematics - Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability and Measurement and Geometry.

The content being covered will include topics such as: exploring numbers and associated place value to 100; developing concepts of addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 including addition and subtraction strategies (count-on/back etc.); recognising Australian coins according to their value; describing two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects; ordering objects based on lengths using informal units and giving and following directions.



English

The students will continue to participate in a range of individual, small group and whole class activities to enhance their reading, viewing, writing and speaking skills.

Reading and Viewing activities undertaken throughout this term will continue to focus on the use of reading strategies which will assist the students' ability to decode and comprehend texts effectively.



In particular, the focus will be on comparing the features of imaginative and informative texts. Students will have the opportunity to create their own informative text linking to our Science unit. In their writing, students will become increasingly independent in their use of sentence boundary punctuation (ie. Capital letters and full stops).

Our phonics program will consolidate and extend the students' knowledge of letters and sounds including blends and short and long vowel sounds. As in Term 1, they will continue to explore combinations of letters to create sounds when spelling and use their knowledge of sight words to assist with reading and writing fluency.

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Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

In HASS this term, we will be investigating the natural, managed, and constructed features of familiar places, their location, how they change and how they can be cared for.



Science

We will become animal experts in Term 2, as we investigate the external features of animals and how they use their features to help them live in certain habitats. As part of this unit, the Year One students will be going on an excursion to Lone Pine. More details about this very exciting day will be sent home closer to the date.



Health

Year One will be examining safe play and health messages throughout this term.

We will look at how health messages relate to our health decisions and behaviours. The students will explore how healthy eating and regular physical activity can influence our health and well-being.

We will also explore ways we can stay safe in different environments. Discussing how to choose appropriate games to play in a range of different environments and settings, to keep ourselves and our peers safe. The students will also visit The Life Education Van.



Visual Arts

This term, we are continuing to use and experiment with different materials, techniques, technologies, and processes to make artworks. We are also learning how indigenous artists represent the features of animals, their movements and food in their artwork.



Technologies

Design Technology: Our Design Technology unit, *A Bed Fit for a Queen*, links with our learning in Mathematics. The students will plan, design and create a solution to a given problem and then reflect this in their design.

Digital Technology: Our learning in Digital Technology also connects with our learning in Mathematics. In our unit, *Step by Step*, the students will follow, describe and represent a sequence of steps (algorithms) to solve simple problems. We will be learning to use and program Bee Bots later in the term.



Specialist Classes

Drama: Year 1: Fairy Tales Retold

This term in Drama the year one students will delve into traditional children's literature, to discover the amazing power of their imaginations. The students will use traditional fairy tale stories as a context for exploring the elements of role, relationships and situation. They will examine how they can use voice and movement to create character as they unpack and re imagine popular fairy tales.

PE: During Term 2, in preparation for the Athletics Carnival, Year 1 will continue to develop their locomotive skills and manipulative skills through race, invasion and target/modified possession games. Students will work with a variety of balls, to improve their ability to roll, kick, catch, throw, and hit and object. Working with a variety of equipment, they will continue their familiarisation with the broad skillset needed to be able to play a variety of invasion, striking and fielding games. Learning these skills through games allows students to continue to develop their understanding of how to be effective in games and to recognise the importance of rules and fair play. As part of this unit students will discuss the effects

of exercise on the body, focusing on what happens to their muscles when they are active.

Music: The Year 1 students will continue their Semester 1 unit, 'Let's Sing and Play'. In Term 2, students will continue to build on their knowledge to become confident in the areas of singing, beat and rhythm, and critical listening. The focus will be on learning a varied repertoire of songs, rhymes, singing games, and playing in a group and as an individual. Students will learn to differentiate between beat and rhythm and will read rhythmic patterns from visual symbols. They continue to develop their ability to sing in-tune and investigate inner hearing (thinking in sound).

Important Dates

Schools are busy places and there are always events and activities taking place (for both students and parents). Below are some important dates coming up this term. Please continue to check the school newsletter and class notes (either email or notes in your child's red folder) for other happenings as they arise.

Date Claimers

20/04/2022	P-6 Cross Country
27/04/2022	1 Red Assembly
05/05/2022 -06/05/2022	Mother's Day Stall
06/05/2022 -17/05/2022	Life Education
18/05/2022	1 Green Assembly
23/05/2022 & 24/05/22	School Photos
20 th -24 th of June	Quandamooka Week
15/06/2022	1 Yellow Assembly
22/06/2022	P-6 Athletics Carnival
24/06/2022	Last day of Term 2

We look forward to another term full of great learning opportunities.

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