

Welcome to Term 3 in Year 2!



Our theme this term is 'Living in the Wetlands'. Beginning with an excursion to the Canning River Eco Centre, it's set to be a great term filled with countless learning opportunities. Our goal is to help all students continue to build lasting friendships and develop their knowledge in all learning areas. We look forward to working with you all this term!

Mrs Rodriguez, Ms Pitman and Mrs Lassen

Important Dates to Remember

St Mary of the Cross School Mass 9am	Tuesday 8 th August
Assumption of the Blessed Mary School Mass 9am	Tuesday 15 th August
Catholic Day - No school	Friday 18 th August
Pupil Free Day	Monday 21 st August
Father's Day School Mass 9am	Friday 1 st September
Faction Carnival (Field Events)	Monday 18 th September
Faction Carnival (Track Events)	Wednesday 20 th September
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd September

Religion:

"Empowered to Love"

Our first unit this term is based on loving others, even when this means extra effort on our part. We will be exploring ways God shows loves to each of us and also looking at stories where Jesus showed loved to others. In this unit we will also be covering the gift of the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit strengthens our lives.



"Jesus Forgives"

Our second unit of work this term is "Jesus forgives." We will share stories of Jesus forgiving others and explore ways in which we can show forgiveness in our own lives.

English:

Writing

This term we will be introducing or consolidating:

- Persuasive writing
- Narratives
- Informational texts
- Procedures
- Letter writing



Conventions of Writing

- Commas
- Quotation marks
- Compound sentences

Reading

Many skills will be covered to not only ensure children improve their reading level, but also develop an enjoyment and love for reading. If your child is not reading for pleasure at home, please don't hesitate to come and see us for suggestions of authors and series that may help "switch them on" to reading.

Key reading skills that will be covered this term are:

- Fluency (including accuracy, rate and expression)
- Comprehension (including summarising, inferring, comparing, monitoring and making connections)

Grammar

- Conjunctions
- Prefixes
- Concrete and abstract nouns
- Contractions
- Plurals



Maths

Our maths program this term involves a variety of hands-on lessons that will keep the children engaged, while giving them a deeper understanding of the concepts that are being covered. These concepts include:

- Revision of addition and subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Money



You can help by giving your child regular opportunities to handle money (e.g. work out what note or coin to offer at the checkout, calculate how much change is expected etc) and pointing out any examples of "arrays" you notice in real life. Arrays are simply the organisation of items into rows and columns (for example, a carton of eggs usually has two rows of 6 eggs). Arrays are important for helping children make the step from counting (by ones) to repeated addition ($6 + 6 = 12$) to multiplication ($2 \times 6 = 12$).

Health

In our Health program this term, there are 3 main concepts that we will be covering:

- Emotions
- Health messages in advertising and health slogans
- Safety in the classroom



We will also continue to cover friendship and the overall social-emotional development of every child. We want all children to feel like they have a very special place within the classroom and larger school environment.

Science

In Science the topic we are covering is 'All mixed up'. Children will be looking at a variety of mixtures through investigations.

History

In History we will be looking at how toys, transport, technology and communication have changed over time. Please expect your children to regularly ask you (and your parents, where possible) about how things were when you were young! It is far more interesting for children to hear anecdotes and examples from special people in their lives than to read about historical practices in texts.

Art

We will continue to use a range of different tools and media this term. We try to display art work in our classroom within a few days of completion so please feel free to drop in to see your children's art work.