



# YEAR FOUR 2018



## WELCOME

We are excited to be working with your children this year. Year Four sees a greater focus on students taking responsibility for their own learning.

## RELIGION

Our school Religious Education program is based on units of work mandated by The Archdiocese of Perth.



Students will be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent and Advent and as preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Year Four students will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11.00am. There are also associated commitment Masses and workshops: we will send home more information about these later in the term. The Parent Information Evening for First Communion is on **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. Please note that this meeting is compulsory for the parents of all children receiving the Sacrament this year.

## ENGLISH

The literacy tasks planned aim to develop the students' ability to communicate effectively in all areas: Reading, Writing, Viewing, Speaking and Listening. Integration across curriculum areas will occur whenever possible.

### Reading

Our Reading activities target students' fluency, comprehension, understanding of text types, grammar and punctuation. St Anthony's draws heavily on the work of literacy specialist Sheena Cameron to improve student comprehension of texts.

### Spelling

Year Four students will follow the whole-school Diana Rigg spelling program. This program caters for students of all abilities, ensuring each student receives spelling instruction at his/her point of need. Students receive a list of spelling words each week with a common phonic concept. As well as Spelling being integrated into their homework grids, time is allocated during English for students to learn their words and apply them in their writing.

### Writing

Students will explore many text types including Recounts, Book Reviews, Narratives, Poetry, Reports, Descriptions, Explanations, Procedures and Expositions. We use an approach called Seven Steps to Writing Success, to improve writing skills.



## **MATHEMATICS**

Three strands of Mathematics are taught:

- Number and Algebra - includes place value, fractions, decimals, money, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Statistics and Probability - includes chance events and collecting, organising, representing and analysing data.
- Measurement and Geometry - includes length, area, mass, volume, time concepts, shapes (2D and 3D) and networks.

It is important that students practise their multiplication facts on a regular basis.

## **IPADS**

Children have been advised that once the iPad enters school grounds in the morning, it ceases to be a gaming device (if used as that at home) and becomes a learning tool to be used as directed by the classroom teacher. This means children are not permitted to use their iPads before or after school, during recess or during lunch. We would much rather see them socialising with their friends than interacting with screens.

Please ensure that your child does not have data on his/her iPad, as this bypasses the filters that the Catholic Education Office has carefully put in place. Please also remind your children that they are only permitted to use the school-approved apps (listed on the school website) and teacher-recommended websites during class time. Use of social media, messaging apps and email (unless directed by the class teacher for a specific learning activity) is not allowed.

Both classes have discussed in detail appropriate iPad use and have developed a set of consequences if rules are breached.

Please remember to charge iPads frequently at home. There are no charging facilities at school.

## **HEALTH**

There are four broad areas addressed in the Health program. These are:

- Bullying and Safety
- Personal Development and Relationships
- Healthy Eating
- Healthy Lifestyles



Some activities will be based on the 'Friendly Schools' program which is an anti-bullying initiative for schools. This year, a new program mandated by the Department for Education and Child Development will be implemented in Term One. The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum aims to teach children ways to keep themselves safe.

## **TECHNOLOGIES**

The Technologies program encompasses two broad areas of the curriculum: Design and Technology and Digital Technologies.

## SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

- Physical Education: Mrs Christine Schelfhout will teach Phys. Ed. on Thursday. Students are permitted to wear their faction shirts in Term One and Term Three.
- Science: Mrs Geraldine Lockyer will teach Science on Friday.
- Design and Technology: Miss Melissa Casella will teach D&T on Thursday in Semester One.
- Geography: Mr Ian Pearce will teach Geography on Thursday in Semester Two.
- Music: Mrs Mariah Hlatywayo will teach Music lessons on Wednesday.
- Italian: Ms Natalie Zisa-Wares will teach Italian lessons on Tuesday.

## LIBRARY

A library bag is required to borrow books. The day for library browsing is yet to be confirmed. We will email you once this is known.



## HOMEWORK

Students have the entire term's homework already glued in their homework book. Each week, students are required to complete all the activities in the top row of the grid (Reading, Spelling and Maths). They are strongly encouraged to complete the other five activities which cover all other subject areas and many useful life skills. Homework is due each Thursday.



## COMMUNICATION

- Newsletters are emailed every second Thursday. Please read them.
- Notes regarding absentees are to be given to the front office. Explanations of absence can be submitted either by email or on paper.
- Any money to be forwarded should be sent in labelled envelopes.
- Parents are asked to make appointments for parent/teacher meetings. You may wish to contact the classroom teacher via email:
  - Josipa Rullo: [Josipa.rullo@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Josipa.rullo@cewa.edu.au)
  - Kirsty Pitman: [Kirsty.pitman@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Kirsty.pitman@cewa.edu.au) (Monday - Thursday)
  - Lyn Born: [Lynette.born@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Lynette.born@cewa.edu.au) (Friday)

## UNIFORMS

All uniform items should be clearly labelled. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct shoes and socks, hairstyle and jewellery as outlined in the uniform policy. Students must wear a school hat during recess, lunch and Phys. Ed.

## ASSESSMENT / REPORTING

- Parent - Teacher meetings will be held in Weeks 9, 10 and 11 of Term One.
- Mid-Year and End-of-Year reports will continue in their current electronic form.

Please don't hesitate to speak with us if you have any concerns or queries.

Mrs Josipa Rullo, Ms Kirsty Pitman and Ms Lyn Born

