

YEAR 5 TERM 3 CURRICULUM UPDATE

It's hard to believe we're in third term already! As always, we have lots of interesting learning activities planned and look forward to another great term with your children.

Some dates for your calendar:

- Year 5 assembly (Friday, 4th August)
- Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (Thursday, 3rd August)
- Book Week parade (Thursday, 31st August)
- Book Week incursion (Thursday, 31st August)
- Father's Day Mass (Friday, 1st September)

RELIGION

Our units this term, we will be finishing of Confirmation, followed by Prayer and Penance. In our Prayer unit, we will be exploring the different ways that people grow and change and how prayer lets us experience God's love. In our Penance unit, students will learn about consciences and how the Sacrament of Penance helps people to choose to live good lives.

ENGLISH

Writing

Our two text types this term are information reports, explanations and procedures. Students will write an information report on the 3 levels of Government in 5 Gold, both classes will write an explanation about a topic of their choice and 5 Blue will write a procedure about a skill of personal interest (e.g. How to water ski, how to do the perfect BMX jump). They will also turn their written procedure into a "How to ..." video towards the end of term so all three of us look forward to learning a whole heap of new skills!

Reading

We will be continuing literature circles this term, whereby students read a novel with other children of a similar reading ability and take greater ownership for analysing and discussing what they read. Each student will have a particular role (e.g. Summariser) to help guide the group's discussion. Students will use a reading strategy quadrant to record key information from the text that identifies amazing descriptions, interesting/unique words, rare punctuation as well as character empathy shown.

This will be done as part of an activity rotation with short burst reading activities and individual novel reading and borrowing.

MATHEMATICS

Our Number topics this term are fractions, decimals and percentages, so please look out for opportunities at home, sports games or the shops to make connections to their use in everyday life. We will also be doing some mapping and statistics along with presentation of data. Students will also work to choose appropriate units of measurement for length, area, volume, capacity and mass.

HASS

We now begin Civics and Citizenship, where we will be exploring the key features of democracy, the electoral process, law enforcement, the legal system and volunteers. Students will work towards designing and filling a showbag which creatively presents all the information a new arrival to Australia would need to understand how our democratic society operates.

SCIENCE

For the first half of term 3, students investigate elements of our solar system such as planets, moons and constellations. They explore movement, size and scale to make a 3D model. Later in the term, students investigate how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.

HEALTH

We have planned an exciting inquiry unit on enhancing personal health and safety. Students will select an aspect of health or safety to research in detail over the term (e.g. beach safety, bike safety etc) and create a safety video for this context.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

This term, students will be exploring how self-checkouts work and then using the Scratch coding platform to design their own program that simulates the way a self-checkout works.

ART

We will be exploring the graffiti art of Banksy and then producing our own. We will also be doing some mixed media butterflies and oil pastel cakes that always turn out looking good enough to eat! There will also be a Father's Day craft activity, of course.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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