

YEAR 5 TERM 4 CURRICULUM UPDATE



It's been a great start to Term 4 and we look forward to another busy and fun-filled term with your children.

RELIGION

Our units this term are Baptism (Weeks 1-4) and Advent / Christmas (Weeks 5-9). In the Baptism unit, we explore how all people and creation are important and how the Eucharist calls people to action. The Advent unit focuses on preparing for Christmas in our hearts.

ENGLISH

Writing

We are currently exploring different types of rhyming and non-rhyming poetry and the children are loving being able to express their creativity in much shorter texts than they are used to writing! In Week 4 we will commence our speech writing unit, with students selecting a topic of personal interest to research and share with the class. Our writing unit will conclude with a Christmas-themed adventure narrative in Weeks 8-9.

Reading

Our class novel is *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio and most of our reading activities this term will relate to that. Students are already engrossed in the tale of Auggie Pullman and we look forward to watching the movie together at the end of term.

MATHEMATICS

Our main topics this term are statistics (Mean, Median, Mode and Range), probability, 3D shapes and angles. We will end the term with some general revision of the maths skills covered this year.

HASS

We are still completing our democracy unit from Term 3, now focusing on how bills become laws. Last week the children participated in a mock parliamentary debate based on a real bill that was passed in State government.

SCIENCE

This term's topic is light. Students will learn how light can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.

HEALTH

As part of the Keeping Safe program, we will be exploring power in relationships and how to identify and respond to tricks, bribes and bullying.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

We now switch from Digital Technologies to Design & Technologies. Working in groups, students will plan, design, create and evaluate one hole for a year-level mini golf course! Getting to play mini golf at the end of the unit is always a highlight for the students. Please make sure you check Seesaw Messages regularly as this is where we will communicate due dates for various items to be brought in from home.

ART

Students will complete four major art projects this term: a still life of brightly coloured kitchen pantry items (hence the request for Pringles tubes, Shapes boxes, Milo tins and Vegemite jars!), a collaborative oil pastel art piece for Remembrance Day, a Heather Galler-inspired Christmas angel and a collaged ugly Christmas sweater! We look forward to sharing the students' amazing art work with you on Seesaw in the weeks ahead.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will be participating in a variety of games and sports, in particular striking and fielding games with an emphasis on developing teamwork skills.

MUSIC

This term students will be exploring the features of Celtic music.

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

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