

YEAR 4 TERM 4 CURRICULUM UPDATE

Welcome to Term 4. It's been a very busy start to the term with 4 Blue preparing for their school Mass in Week 3 and 4 Gold their assembly in Week 4. We hope you can join us for these special occasions.

RELIGION

Our first unit (Weeks 1-5) is about the Sacrament of Penance. The students are exploring how people live in loving relationships just as Jesus did throughout his life. They are also learning how the Sacrament of Penance can bring hope and healing to people, while restoring healthy relationships. Our second unit (Weeks 6-9) focuses on liturgical seasons and how Advent is a time of renewal.

LITERACY

Our main reading focus for this term is visual literacy and the students are really enjoying developing their ability to deconstruct and discuss visual texts. In Writing, we are nearing the end of our Talk 4 Writing unit on suspense narratives and will soon commence our last text types of performances and script writing. Term 4 also sees students undertake daily handwriting lessons and they are producing some beautiful neat cursive writing already.

MATHS

The key topics this term in the Number Strand are solving money problems and identifying unknown quantities in equivalent number sentences. In the Measurement area, the students are learning to create symmetrical patterns, pictures and shapes and use simple scales, legends and directions to interpret information contained in basic maps. Our Chance and Data strand also sees students complete more data collection and construct and evaluate different data displays.

CIVICS

In Civics we will be defining laws and rules and looking at their importance. The students will identify the diversity of different groups they belong to and compare the different beliefs, traditions and symbols used by groups.

HEALTH

Our Term 4 Health focus is Healthy Lifestyles with a focus on healthy eating. The students will identify the key factors that influence health decisions and behaviours and create a healthy meal.

ART

This term the students will continue to study art works from different artists and use their individual techniques to create various art pieces of their own.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

We have a coding focus this term. The students will use a variety of programs to create and test different robot and digital systems. They will be given the opportunity to work in small groups and develop skills of co-operation, collaboration and problem solving whilst seeking solutions to given problems.

SCIENCE - Mr Schelfhout

Mr Schelfhout will be continuing the 'Earth Science' unit, which looks at the earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity.

GEOGRAPHY - Mr Schelfhout

We will be studying the unit 'The Earth's Environment Sustains All Life". We will be looking at how the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' ways of living were adapted to available resources and their connection to the land. We will also begin looking at how natural resources can be used sustainably.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mrs Schelfhout

We will be learning simple cricket (batting, bowling and fielding) and soccer (kicking) skills. Students will be developing skills and tactics to achieve a scoring outcome.

As always, please continue encouraging your child to keep up with his or her homework routine and don't hesitate to speak with us if you have any questions or concerns about anything. Thank you for your wonderful support so far this year and we look forward to our best term yet!

Ms Elisabetta De Filippi, Mrs Rachel Prendergast and Mrs Rachael Lee.