

YEAR 4 TERM 4 CURRICULUM UPDATE

Welcome to Term 4. It's been a very busy start to the term with both classes preparing for their assembly in Week 3 and their All Souls Day whole school Mass 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 units with a focus on 'Suspense Narratives'. We will then commence our last text type for the year, 'Performances and Script Writing'.

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 design and complete data collections in order to 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. Our main focus is creating mood through colour, texture and shape.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES - Mr Schelfhout

In Term 4, Year 4 students will be focussing on Eco-friendly Fabrics and Smart Fabrics and how they can be utilised. They will be asked to create a better designed bag.

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 focus on Natural Resources and waste management. Our focus will also include how the Aboriginal people use natural resources available around Forrestdale Lake.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Miss Borrromei

This term we will be focusing on teamwork in different games and scenarios. Students will be learning skills in a variety of sports, with a focus on striking and fielding.

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. Thank you for your wonderful support so far this year and we look forward to our best term yet!

Warm regards

Mrs Sandra Markham, Mrs Rachel Prendergast, Mrs Jenny Webb & Mrs Alicia Bayens