

# 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.

A few dates for your calendar:

- Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment - Week 3
- Book Week - Week 6 (more details closer to the time)
- Eagles Cup interschool sport - Weeks 3-7

## RELIGION

Our units this term are Prayer (Weeks 1-5) and Penance (Weeks 6-10). 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 explanations and procedures. Students will write an explanation about an endangered animal of their choice and 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 both of us look forward to learning a whole heap of new skills!

### Reading

We will be exploring a variety of print and video texts (including feature articles, news segments, recipes and narratives), with a focus on identifying key points, monitoring understanding and summarising.

## 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.

## HASS

We now switch to 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

This term students will be looking at various ways plants and animals survive and adapt in their environment. They will investigate the desiccation of leaves, camouflaging and the adaptability of camels to their environment.

## 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.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

Students will design and repurpose everyday materials to produce a set of footwear that would be suitable for refugees on their long and difficult journeys.

## ART

We will be exploring the graffiti art of Banksy and then producing our own (on paper, not walls, unfortunately!). There will also be a Father's Day craft activity, of course.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will be learning volleyball this term.

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

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