

YEAR 4 TERM 4 CURRICULUM UPDATE

Welcome to Term 4, which is just flying past! It's been a very busy start to the term, with 4G preparing for their assembly in Week 2 and 4B for their whole school Mass in Week 3.

RELIGION

Our first unit (Weeks 1-5) is about the Sacrament of Baptism. The students are exploring how people participate as members of the Church community and why it is important for members of the Church community to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism. Our second unit (Weeks 6-9) focuses on liturgical seasons and Advent.

LITERACY

Our main reading focus 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 two text types of performances and reviews. 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

The P&F has funded a 5-week Artist in Residence Program commencing Week 5. We look forward to seeing what wonderful art pieces the children create with Fi from Art Kids on the Hill.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

We have a coding focus this term. The students will use the WeDo and EV3 programs to create and test different robot 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 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 and fielding) and mini-tennis (forehand) skills.

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!

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