Religious Education

Unit K.1 God Loves Me
In this unit students will explore the many ways that they are loved by God. They will learn of God’s love through the gift of creation and that God’s love is experienced through Jesus. We also experience God’s active love through the gift of the Holy Spirit and through loving people in our lives.

Unit K.2 Lent and Holy Week
This unit explores the stories of Jesus’ death and resurrection and the ways that the church celebrates the seasons of Lent and Easter. The children discuss what the stories and seasons mean to us.

English
Writing, Talking & Listening - The text types for this term are Exposition & Recount. The children will participate in a variety of writing, reading, speaking and listening activities, which will develop the various language features needed.
- Journal writing.
- Weekly news for each student.
Reading - Shared reading with big books and following stories on the interactive whiteboard.
- Guided reading groups.
Spelling - Letter and sound identification and blending them to make words. Recognition of basic sight words.
Handwriting - Correct pencil grip, fine motor activities and Foundation handwriting.

Geography
What are the special places in my world?
- What are places like?
- Where are my special places?
- What makes a place special?
- How can we look after the places we live in and belong to?
- Where are the special places located in Australia? Who are they special to and why?
The aim of the unit provides opportunities for students to explore special places in their environment, where they are located and how to care for them. Students pose question and make observations about their home and school environment.

Science and Technology
This unit integrates with the Geography unit and will focus upon built environments. We will be exploring places within the school, learning about how they are used and creating models.

Creative & Practical Arts
The children will be identifying the shapes in Paul Klee’s artworks and will use these as a stimulus for their own art work. We will be developing cutting, folding and pasting skills. They will explore hitting, squeezing, pushing, moulding and rolling skills when using play dough. Photos and computer images will be used to explore the image of Jesus.

Mathematics
Whole Number
Counting skills forwards and backwards to 30+. Recognising, ordering, writing and making numbers. Number chants and interactive activities on the whiteboard. 1:1 correspondence.
Addition & Subtraction
Combines, separates, compares, describes and records collections of objects.

Space & Geometry
2D shapes and Position

Measurement
Time, Length and Area

Data
Representing and interpreting simple data made from objects and pictures.

Patterns and Algebra
Recognising, describing, creating and continuing patterns and number patterns that increase or decrease.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Personal Development
PBL - Positive Behaviours for Learning.
School expectations, behavior and routines.
The Leader In Me - Introducing the 7 habits.

Other Key Learning Areas
Physical Education: Wednesday & Friday (PE Uniform)
Music & Drama: Wednesday
Library: Thursday
Computer Education

- Use of the interactive whiteboard in a variety of KLA's in the classroom to enhance learning. The children will use the class computers during literacy and numeracy groups. They will also be used to support learning in the other curriculum areas.

General Information

- Library: Please bring a library bag. Books need to be returned each week. Children will require a library bag or a plastic bag for borrowing.
- Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.
- A note/email/phone call is required when your child is absent from school. Notes should have the date and the reason for your child's absence on that particular day/s, or when phoning the office, an oral explanation is satisfactory.
- Please send in a paint shirt if you have not already done so.
- No nuts please.

Homework Procedures

- Please ensure Homework is handed in on Thursdays so we have time to mark and reissue homework on Friday. If homework is handed in late it will not be marked.
- Please make sure your child completes the homework in lead pencil. Coloured pencils can be used for drawing (No pen or texta).
- For this term the children will receive 2 home readers each Friday for the week. The readers must be returned by Thursday before new readers will be issued.

How can you help at home?

- Homework: Will begin in Week 6
- Find a quiet place and set up a routine for doing Homework.
- Reading: Read with your child. Share their library book with them.
  - Take your child to the local library.
  - Ensure they have access to a variety of reading materials.
- Encourage the use of correct pencil grip.

Looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year together.
Kind regards,
Mrs Findlay and Mrs Bau-Gaspar