



Stage 2 Curriculum Overview – Term 1, 2019

Welcome to Stage 2, 2019. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready for another exciting and busy year.

The following is an outline of this term's content:

Religious Education

The following units will be taught:

- St Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition
- Reconciliation - Living in a Forgiving Community
- Lent to Easter

The students will be involved in daily Religious Education lessons, prayer and reflection. Throughout the term they will also attend School Masses and Liturgies.

Mathematics

The following topics covered this term are: Two-Dimensional Space, Position, Area, Multiplication and Division, Whole Numbers, Patterns and Algebra and Fractions and Decimals. Tables are an essential part of Mathematics and children need to aim for automatic recall – ***daily practise at home is essential!*** There will be a focus on mental computation strategies for addition and subtraction with further development of conceptual understanding of Mathematics and general number facts. Open-ended tasks as well as more formal problem-solving activities will be designed to provide challenging learning experiences, catering for the different learning styles and abilities in the classes.

English

Writing: Each term the classes focus on composing a variety of texts (informational, imaginative and persuasive). This process includes modelling, joint constructions and independent writing. The students learn to use correct sentence and paragraph structure, apply a variety of grammatical features accurately, develop their vocabulary and work towards editing and reflecting on their writing.

Handwriting will be taught using 'Targeting Handwriting 3 and 4'.

Year 3 will be focusing on exit flicks.

Year 4 will be working towards joining their exit flicks to create cursive handwriting. Once students consistently use neat, cursive handwriting they will earn their pen licence.

Spelling: In the first two weeks of school students will complete spelling assessments. Each week students will be given a spelling list which will include high frequency words, a sound or rule focus and may also include words that further extend their vocabulary. It is important that the students work on their spelling home learning each week as they will complete a spelling test/dictation on a Wednesday.

Reading: During literacy groups the students will be developing their comprehension skills, critical thinking, fluency and expression. Students will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts at a whole class level and during small literacy group time. Readers are no longer sent home in Stage 2 unless specified by the class teacher.

Science

Night and Day: Students will revise what they know about the Sun, Earth, Moon, and the Solar System. Students will develop a scientific understanding of night and day and how they occur. Students will investigate the Earth's rotation, what causes night and day, the relationship between the Sun, Earth, and Moon, and how the Earth's surfaces change over time due to natural and human activity.

PDHPE / The Leader in Me

PE: Stage 2 will participate in the Sports Pro Gymnastics program on a Thursday and PE with Mr Perez on a Tuesday.

PDH: The Leader in Me - Students will continue to deepen their understanding of the seven habits throughout this year. Our main focus this term is social emotional understanding (SEL) specifically exploring how to build and maintain positive relationships. During the first few weeks, students will set personal goals as well as contribute to a whole class mission statement. This unit offers students opportunities to explore the rights and responsibilities of all people and reflect on how we can uphold these in our daily lives using the seven habits. Some of the interest areas we will explore

are friendship, compassion, empathy, relationships, conflict, gratitude and attitude. These core ideas will be linked into other KLA's this term and throughout the year.

Creative Arts

Visual Arts:

Drawing, painting and clay work. We will be looking at Australian Artists such as Sally Morgan and integrating tasks with our Science unit and English writing on The Great Barrier Reef.

Music/Drama: Stage 2 will be taught by Mrs McNally on a Tuesday.

Home Learning

Home learning is given out on Thursday and returned on the following Wednesday. The home learning will come with an explanation sheet each week. Students **MUST** read for a minimum of 10 minutes each day/night and have their reading signed off by a parent/guardian. Year 3 will record in their reading log at the back of their home learning book and Year 4 will record in their diary. Students are encouraged to read aloud at times to improve fluency and expression. Weekly home learning will usually consist of nightly reading, a Mathematics task, spelling task and sometimes a research task related to a class topic. Please send a note if your child is unable to complete their home learning. Home learning is marked on a Wednesday so that we can have it ready for Thursday therefore if it is late it won't be marked that week.

General Housekeeping

- Please provide a note explaining the reason for any absence on the day the student returns.
- Please organise all parent/teacher interviews via the office.
- Year 4 should have their diary at school each day.
- Please supply a USB and a set of headphones that your child can keep at school.
- Please ensure your child has an art shirt/smock and water bottle.
- Lunch orders on Monday and Thursday

Weekly Calendar

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Library Lesson	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
<i>Library Returns and Borrowing</i>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
P.E.	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Gymnastics	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Music/Drama	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
<i>Home Learning Due</i>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 5th February	- Parent Information Night
Thursday 7th February	- Opening School Mass
Friday 8th February	- Kindy and New Family Welcome BBQ
Tuesday 12th February	- Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 6th March	- Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday 15th March	- School Cross Country
Friday 15th March	- Art Show Opening Night
Tuesday 19th March	- Open Day
Friday 22nd March	- Stage 2 Sea Life Aquarium Excursion
Friday 5th April	- Pupil Free Day / Staff Development Day
Wednesday 10th April	- Lenten Mass
Friday 12th April	- Last Day of Term 1

Please refer to the school calendar for assemblies, prayer assemblies and class masses.

We look forward to working with you this year.

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