

Stage 3 Curriculum Overview - Term 2 2019

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable, relaxing break and are now ready for the busy term ahead.

Religious Education

The following units will be taught:

- Co-creators in God's Gracious Act of Creation
- Stories of the Early Church

English

Reading & Writing: The types of text of Imaginative - Persuasive and Informative - Biography and Information Report will be the focus this term. The structure and grammatical features of these types of text will be explicitly taught during class and will be practiced during taskboard activities. Reading skills, including comprehension and critical thinking, will be taught by exploring a range of factual and literary texts as a class and as part of smaller instructional groups.

Spelling: will be explicitly taught as part of the reading and writing program. A variety of spelling activities will be undertaken during the literacy block and as part of homework. Spelling is differentiated and children are assigned lists based on their needs.

Speaking and listening skills: will be taught specifically through class discussions and presentation of research across the different KLA's.

Handwriting: It is **expected** that students use foundation handwriting in Stage 3 across all KLA's. It is practiced using the text book both in class and sometimes for homework.

Mathematics

This term our focus is on the topics of: Multiplication and Division, Area, Angles, Volume and Capacity, Mass, Data, Chance, Fractions and Decimals and Position. Students will be grouped flexibly within the class based on pretesting and their demonstrated understanding of the strand being taught. There will continue to be a focus on mental computation strategies and problem solving. Classroom activities use a variety of strategies and materials to foster deep understanding while homework is set to practice that understanding.

Coding will continue this term. This will usually take place during the Maths session on a Wednesday. **Children must have a set of headphones with them to be able to take part.**

Human Society and Its Environment

The History unit - Australia as a Nation - will be taught this term. It will focus on our migration history and Government. Stage 3 will undertake an excursion to Canberra Week 2 of Term 3 to complete this unit

Creative Arts

"Knit for the World" - children will learn how to French knit and knit or crochet. Students will need their own set of size 8(4mm) needles, wool will be provided. We will invite parents and grandparents who are keen knitters to assist us in teaching the children. We will be knitting

squares to make blankets for the 'Wrap with Love' charity. Music and Drama will be taught by Mrs McNally, on Wednesday.

PDH

This term our focus will be 'Personal Power'. Students will learn about roles and responsibilities in developing and maintaining positive relationships. Mr Perez will facilitate specialist PE lessons on Wednesday. The Leader In Me will parallel PBL school rules throughout the term. The students will walk to Primula Park on Tuesdays at lunchtime (weather permitting) to engage in physical activities. The weeks when park is not available, stage 3 class sport will run on Thursdays (PE uniform Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday).

Italian

Ms Mercuri will teach Italian to Stage 3 on Tuesdays.

Weekly Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>
Library	Wednesday
Music/Drama	Wednesday
PE	Wednesday
Sports Uniform	To be worn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Italian	Tuesday
Home Learning	Due each Tuesday and new home learning will be given out each Wednesday

Home Learning

Students will be given home learning tasks on a Wednesday, which will be due back the following Tuesday, unless otherwise stated. Reading must be recorded in their diary and this must be signed once a week by a parent. This term home learning will be more project-based to assist the development of the children's time management and planning skills, in preparation for high school. Spelling list words must be learned and will be tested during class. Please check Google Classroom weekly to ensure all home learning is completed.

Remember: Students must have their school supplied diary with them every day.

Dates for the diary

- 29th April Monday - Anzac Day prayer at 8:40am
- 9th May Thursday - Mother's Day Mass 9:15am
- 22nd May Wednesday - Easter season Mass 9:15am
- 30th May Thursday - Da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar School
- 6th June Thursday - Pentecost Mass 9:15am
- 12th June - Year 6 Class Mass 11:00am
- 20th June - Year 5 Class Mass 11:00am
- Weeks 6-9 - Year 6 Debating Circle
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General Business

- Just a reminder that the roll is a legal document and if your child is absent for any part of the school day the school must be informed, by note, email or a phone call.
- Children must have a hat every day.
- Children must come to school every day armed with a fully stocked pencil case - glue stick, blue and red pens, HB pencil, scissors and a 30cm ruler. If you didn't do so over the holidays, would you please check that they have what they need.

Thanking you for your support. Should you have any concerns at any time, please contact us **via the school office** to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Looking forward to an enjoyable, productive term,

Melissa Overton and Donna Shestowsky