



Stage 2 Curriculum Overview – Term 3, 2019

Welcome back to Stage 2 for another exciting term. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break.

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

Religious Education

The following units will be taught:

- Coming to know God
- Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism to Eucharist

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.

Spelling: Students will brainstorm words that follow a rule or pattern and complete word study tasks over the week. The goal is to develop vocabulary and understand that words are made up of meaningful parts.

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. Students will participate in a Shaun Tan author study.

Science

Melting Moments: Students participate in hands on investigations into the properties of different materials and the effect on them when they are heated or cooled.

Excelling Through Life: Students explore the different types of data, have the opportunity to learn how to interpret patterns and develop skills in visual programming.

PDHPE / The Leader in Me

PE: Stage 2 will participate in PE lessons with Mr Perez on a Tuesday.

PDH: Happy, Healthy, and Safe- Students will learn how to work cooperatively as a member of society where they are responsible for acting in a responsible and safe manner. In this unit the students learn to respect the rights of others and value acceptance, tolerance and justice.

Creative Arts

Visual Arts:

We will be focussing on illustrators Shaun Tan and Quentin Blake which will integrate with English reading and writing learning experiences.

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 4 will record in their diary. Students are encouraged to read aloud at times to improve fluency and expression. 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.
- Lunch orders on Monday and Thursday

Weekly Calendar

	3 Green	3/4 White	4 Green
Library Lesson	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
<i>Library Returns and Borrowing</i>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
P.E.	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
<i>Home Learning Due</i>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Music/Drama	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday

Dates for the Diary

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

We look forward to a wonderful term,

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