

Stage Three Curriculum Overview - Term 3 2020

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a restful holiday as another busy term begins.

Religious Education

The following units will be taught:

- Land, People, Spirit
- Eucharist Nourishes Us for the Journey

English

Reading & Writing: This term's writing focus will be Informative Texts - Historical Report and Recount. 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. These will all be related to the History Unit on the Gold Rush Era.

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 have individual words as well as topic words for the term.

Speaking and listening skills: The whole school Public Speaking Program will be conducted this term.

Mathematics

This term our focus is on the topics - 3D, 2D, Addition and Subtraction, Whole Number, Time, Mass, Patterns and Algebra. 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 and take place at least once a week. **Children must have a set of headphones with them to be able to take part.**

Human Society and Its Environment

This term we will be studying history and the topic - **"The Australian Colonies."** The students will explore the influences on our culture of specific events in our history eg. The Gold Rush.

Creative Arts

Independent Study on an Australian Artist. This will be a project Based Learning Unit and take the students on a journey of creating Art Pieces as well as Art Appreciation.

Mrs Forster will teach Music each Thursday.

PDH

Personal development lessons

Year 6 - Growing and Changing

Year 5 - I like me

The Leader In Me and the 7 Habits will be taught and integrated in other Key Learning Areas.

Mr Nosti will facilitate specialist PE lessons on Thursdays and the students will have class sports lessons on a Thursday afternoon as well.

Italian class each Thursday - Mrs Tassone

Weekly Calendar

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

Home Learning

Students will be given home learning tasks on a Thursday, which will be due back the following Thursday, unless otherwise stated. Reading must be recorded in their diary and this must be signed once a week by a parent. Other home learning tasks will be practice or revision of topics taught in class. It may include word study, a Literacy task, a Maths task or a research task related to a class topic. Spelling list words must be learned and will be tested during class.

Students will often be required to complete and submit tasks online using the Google suite. It is therefore expected that they will have home access to a computer/laptop. Please let us know if this is a problem

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 are supplied with stationery items at the beginning of the year. They 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 at any time.

Looking forward to an enjoyable, productive term,

Melissa Overton and Justine Park