

Term 1, Week 1-5

# YEAR 2/3



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and best wishes for 2021! Although we had a surprising start to the school year, it has been wonderful to see you all again and I look forward to getting to know you better throughout the year. This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the first 5 weeks of Term 1. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact me at:

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## JOINED BY THE YEAR 4S

This year we are very lucky to have the Year 4 students join our little class every afternoon from midday until the end of the school day. They will be joining us for Religious Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Design & Technologies, Music and Digital Technologies. All Mathematics and Literacy sessions will be conducted in the mornings with just the Year 2/3 class. We can't wait to work together and learn from each other!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Information Night -

**February 10th 5:30-7:10**

P&F Welcome Back Event -

**February 12th**

Year 6 Camp - **February**

**15th-19th**

Ash Wednesday Mass led

by Year 2/3/4 - **February**

**17th**

Public Holiday - **March 1st**

Assessment Books sent

home - **March 5th**

Commissioning Mass -

**March 7th**

## LITERACY

In Writing, we will be exploring the genre of narratives. We will be focusing on how to enhance our simple narratives to engage our audience and make them interesting to read. This will involve learning to develop the setting and character by using descriptive language. We will also explore how to write captivating openings to draw the reader in.

This term we will use small group and whole class reading sessions to help develop reading and comprehension skills, as well as listen to readers individually.

Students will practice their oral language skills slightly different from last year. We will not be having dedicated News sessions this year. Students will have the chance to develop their public speaking skills by presenting their work during Writing and Inquiry sessions.

## MATHEMATICS

This term our Maths lessons will focus primarily around Number and Place Value. It is essential that students are able to develop a sound understanding of Place Value before they are able to effectively use this skill on other operations. Our Maths lessons will begin with a warm-up to help students develop their mental maths skills and then follow by the main activity. Concepts will mainly be taught using hands-on activities and investigations.

**This term the Year 2 students will be learning the following:**

- Place Value - Recognise, model, represent and order numbers to at least 1000. Group, partition and rearrange collections up to 1000 in hundreds, tens and ones to facilitate more efficient counting.
- Odd & Even Numbers - Investigate the conditions required for a number to be odd or even and identify odd and even numbers.

**This term the Year 3 students will be learning the following:**

- Place Value - Recognise, model, represent and order numbers to at least 10 000. Apply place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to at least 10 000 to assist calculations and solve problems.
- Odd & Even Numbers - Investigate the conditions required for a number to be odd or even and identify odd and even numbers.





## INQUIRY/HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

This term our Inquiry will focus on the question 'What is culture and how do we celebrate it?' Students will have the opportunity to investigate a culture from one of Australia's neighbouring countries. This will be mostly a student-led investigation, allowing students to take ownership of their learning. Each week, students will also participate in an interactive lesson based on their choice of culture.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education unit will focus around prayer. We will learn the importance of appreciating what God has given us and the different ways we can communicate with Him. We will also investigate how Jesus taught his followers to pray.

Appreciating each other's gifts and talents will also be a focus within our class this term.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

This term our Design & Technologies lessons will explore how items move. In small groups, students will design, construct and evaluate an item that moves by pushing, pulling, bouncing, sliding, spinning or floating. They will have to use team-work to be able to successfully create their item. At the end of the unit, students will participate in a showcase, where they present creations to the rest of the class.

## HOMEWORK

Each week students will bring home a home reader book and a reading log. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement. Please listen to your child read every night and talk with your child about the book they read to help develop their comprehension skills. An additional Maths challenge will be sent home to help develop your child's problem-solving skills. Homework will commence in Week 3.



## LIBRARY

A reminder that library is every **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child's books are kept safe in a library bag.