



ENGLISH

The writing lessons had a change focus onto persuasive texts. The students will be learning about the three techniques writers commonly adopt when trying to persuade their audience.

1. Ethos (appeals to ethics). Writer demonstrates that they use reliable sources of information, therefore they can be trusted.
2. Logos (appeals to reason). Using logic to convince the reader.
3. Pathos (appeals to the emotions).

We will also be focusing on the language and structure of effective persuasive texts.

In reading lessons, students will be learning to use different strategies (inferring, predicting, scanning and skimming). These strategies will form part of their tool kit to help make sense of what they are reading. All strategies will be delivered explicitly to help students understand the meaning of the text.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics will be taught for a minimum of 60 minutes every day. Mental Mathematics will be part of the daily mathematics lessons.

For the next few weeks of the term, we will be investigating the following topics.

Year 5

- 24-hour time.
- Reading and interpreting timetables.
- Map references.
- Compass points.
- Directions, turns and degrees.
- Coordinates to locate positions.

Year 4

- Subtraction with zero.
- Addition with larger numbers.
- Reading and interpreting timetables.
- kilometres.
- Using maps.
- Estimation strategies.

Problem solving strategies

- Working backwards.
- Organised lists.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education lessons will focus on the Eucharist. This term our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It is important that we all learn the meaning and the process of this Sacrament so we can support our classmates.

Please note these important dates:

- May 13th - First Communion Parent Information Night (only Year 4 parents).
- May 30th - First Holy Communion.

This Year 5 lessons will explore how God created the world to provide for the needs of all of creation. The world was created for all people and everybody has a role in caring for the environment and creating a sustainable world.

Jesus taught the importance of caring for those in need, by putting God first and showing love to others. Your child will learn that people are called to serve as Jesus did by helping the poor and needy.

Inquiry/Humanities & Social Sciences

This term the Year 4 Inquiry lessons will focus on different habitats around the world and how animals depend on them. We have begun exploring different biomes from around the world and where they are located. We can't wait to see where this inquiry takes us!

In History, Year 5 students will be studying the six colonies of Australia and also learning all about the Australian Federation such as some problems leading up to Federation, what the benefits of Federation were and influential people who contributed to the Australian Federation.

In Business and Economics, Year 5 students will be looking into determining priorities (including sustainability of natural environments) and identifying the needs and wants that can be satisfied with the resources available.

In Civics and Citizenship, Year 5 students will be learning about the Magna Carta and its influence on Australia's parliament. They will also become familiar with the Senate and the House of Representatives located inside Parliament House in Canberra and the different roles they play.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Pupil free day on Tuesday 27th April.

Mother's Day liturgy and morning tea at 11.00am on Friday 7th May.

NAPLAN from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th May.

First Communion parent night on Thursday 13th May

First Holy Communion 30th May.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term. What an interesting term it is too. I am excited to have your child back at school, hopefully after a relaxing break. There are some significant events this term. The Year 5 students will be doing NAPLAN online in Week 4.

The Year 4 students will be receiving their First Holy Communion in week 6. The plan for the start of this term is outlined below and, as always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

