



ENGLISH

In writing the students are up to their final task in the persuasive genre. The students have come up with their own topic to write about. Their topic involves something they would like to change at school or in the classroom. Their task is to write a persuasive letter on their chosen topic to Miss De Campo or myself. The next writing genre will be Procedure writing. We will commence in week 7.

In reading lessons, we are continuing to learn the different strategies (inferring, predicting, scanning and skimming and visualizing). These strategies will form part of their tool kit to help make sense of what they are reading. Also, as a whole school we have introduced Accelerated Reader to be part of our literacy program.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics will be taught for a minimum of 60 minutes every day. Mental Mathematics and problem solving strategies will be part of the daily mathematic lessons.

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

Year 5

- Division with zeros.
- Backtracking.
- Estimation strategies.
- Interpreting data.
- Dot plots.
- Discrete data.
- Column graphs.

Year 4

- Division facts 2,3,5,10.
- Division problem solving.
- Dividing 2-digit by 1-digit number.
- Dependent and independent events.
- Organising data
- Column graphs.
- Division strategies.

Problem solving strategies

- Backtracking
- Using smaller problems to solve bigger problems.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Year 4 Religious Education lessons will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Next term, our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is important that we all learn the meaning and the process of this Sacrament so we can support our schoolmates.

This Year 5 unit explores that God made people with a body and a soul, and that our soul helps us to be loving and good. Your child will learn that the soul is not a physical part of the body but will last forever even after physical death. Before he rose to heaven, Jesus promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to help them to live as he taught and spread his message to others. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost, when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit and began to spread God's message. During the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts received at Baptism are strengthened by the Holy Spirit which helps people to live as Jesus taught. Your child will learn that when they use the gifts of the Holy Spirit people are able to think, speak and behave more like Jesus in their daily lives.

Design and Technology

Students have been looking at the design process and have applied this to designing and building a boat. Throughout our lessons for the remainder of the term, students will research materials used around the world for the construction of housing, tanks and other objects. They will conclude this unit on materials by designing and constructing a model of a park.

Inquiry/Humanities & Social Sciences

The Year 4 Inquiry unit focuses on the question 'Why do we need biomes?' After an investigation into the different biomes of the world and where they are located, we have begun to wonder what the purpose of each biome is. We have selected our own biome to research and find out why we need it in the world. Once finished we will share our findings with the rest of the class.

In History, Year 5 students will be continuing to study the problems leading up to Australian Federation and the people who contributed to this event. Students will also explore the impact of the Australian Constitution on Australian society and how Australian Federation impacted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

In Business and Economics, The Year 5 students will be exploring how a decision to buy an item affects the family, for example: 'Did the family have to put off buying another item to have this one?'. They will also investigate whether buying at the local supermarket helps the local community.

In Civics and Citizenship, The Year 5 students will be focusing on the judicial function of our legal system which involves the settling of disputes in the courts. Students will be encouraged to investigate different types of courts in Australia and identify the disputes with which they deal. Students will also develop their knowledge of the three levels of government.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Pupil free day on Tuesday 8th June.
- Interschool Cross Country at EMPS on Friday 4th June.
- Class Mass Wednesday 9th June.
- Semester One reports to go home on Tuesday 29th June.

Dear Parents,
Wow, Week 7 already. The students have achieved a lot this term. From the Year 5 students completing NAPLAN to Lucia, Neva, Sienna and William receiving their First Holy Communion. I would like to thank Miss Charlton and Miss De Campo for preparing the students for First Holy Communion. Also, a special thankyou to the Year 5 students for helping make it a memorable day by singing beautifully at Mass. Amongst all this activity the students have also been training hard for the Interschool Cross Country and are looking forward to competing against the other schools. If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning please contact me.

