



CLASSROOM BUZZ

THE YEAR 4/5 CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2nd August - St

Joseph's Spelling Bee (Years 3-6)

Wednesday 4th August - Year

5 Bishop's Religious Literacy
Assessment

Sunday 8th August -

Confirmation Mass

Wednesday 11th August - St

Mary of the Cross Whole School
Mass

Friday 13th August - Year 4/5

Class Assembly

Tuesday 17th August - School

Photos

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TERM THREE

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely welcoming our students back into the classroom this week. As usual, we have a busy term ahead of us, with lots of activities for the students to enjoy. We begin our Options Program this week and it will take place on Thursday afternoons throughout the Term. Our class also has an assembly on Friday the 13th of August (pop that one in your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun). In Week 3, the Year 5 students will be participating in the Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment online and they will complete a practice

assessment for that in week 2 so they know what to expect.

For the first two weeks of term, Mr Kelly is on leave and we have Mrs Mazzarolo teaching the class for English and Maths. We are loving having Mrs Mazzarolo in the classroom and hope that Mr Kelly and his family have a fantastic holiday in some far warmer areas than here!

Accelerated Reader will continue in Term 3 with reading continuing to be a focus for homework. Next week, some times tables work will also come home for students to complete for homework with normal homework routines returning in Week 3 when Mr Kelly returns.

We look forward to another awesome term of learning!



ENGLISH

In Writing this Term we will be focusing on informative texts. Students will explore the structures and frameworks of a range of informative texts and consider the different purposes of each. Students will develop their research skills in order to compile factual information for writing their own texts and work toward creating a writing piece for their TREE Talk presentation which will occur later in the term.

In reading, students will work towards their reading goals in Accelerated reader. This program will assist them in selecting books at their suitable reading level and require them to apply their learned comprehension strategies to ensure they understand what they read. We are looking forward to recognising those who meet and exceed their goals this term!

RELIGION

Year 4: Our Religious Education lessons will focus on the Church. This term, we will explore how Jesus calls us to participate in God's family through prayer and the celebration of Mass. We will also explore how the Catholic Church celebrated St. Mary of the Cross as Australia's first Saint.

Year 5: In the first 3 weeks of Term, the students will be continuing to study the Sacrament of Confirmation in preparation for the Sacrament being held at the end of week three. The weeks following Confirmation, the students will be studying Prayer.

This unit explores the many choices that people must make in everyday life. Your child will learn that the Beatitudes are ideals that help people make good moral choices and follow a Christian life. Jesus taught his followers to pray as a way of strengthening their relationship with God and he gave them the Lord's Prayer as an example of how they may pray. Your child will learn the meaning behind the words in the Lord's Prayer and explore the different forms of prayer that Christians may use. Christians pray together to celebrate God's presence and care in their lives.

TECHNOLOGIES

This Semester we will be focusing on Digital Technologies. Students will explore how algorithms are essential in coding and have a go at coding on a program called Scratch. Students will then have a go at coding some actual robots we have in the school.

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 mathematics lessons.

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

- Equivalent Fractions
- Fractions on a Number Line
- Mixed Number Fractions
- Improper Fractions
- Investigating Number Patterns
- Working in Millimetres
- Understanding Perimeter

HASS

Year 4: This term our inquiry will focus on our local government and how it helps our local community. We will be investigating the different services our local government provides and how people can join to help contribute to our local community. We can't wait to see where this inquiry takes us!

Year 5: In Geography, students will locate Asia on a map and name some of its countries and analyse China's economic, demographic and social characteristics. They will also analyse and compare the economic, demographic and social characteristics of countries in Asia and complete research on an Asian country of their choosing.

In Business and Economics, students will be focusing on how a consumer's shopping choices can have impacts on the local and global economy. They will also investigate sustainable methods of production and distribution.

In Civics and Citizenship, students will be investigating the stages of the passage of a bill and clarify where ideas for new laws emerge. They will also explore the process of becoming an Australian citizen, know who is eligible to become an Australian Citizen and what it means to be an Australian citizen.

HEALTH

Year 4: The first half of Term 3 will focus on privacy and the body. Students will learn the concept of privacy, the anatomical names for sexual body parts and different types of touching. More information regarding this unit will come home separately.

Year 5: In Health, students will be working from the Australian Curriculum this Term. They will be exploring water and road safety and also how they can be cyber safe. Students will then investigate changing relationships and what skills they can develop to manage bullying.