

Term 4 learning is in full swing!

Our **inquiry** into how light and sound can be seen and heard is coming to a conclusion with the children soon creating their own musical instruments using different forms of vibrations.

Then, our final inquiry for the year will focus on the question, "How was Christmas celebrated when your parents were your age?" Hint, there might be a mini-interview coming home for you to complete to help the children gather some authentic data for their research reports.

In **Religion**, we are 'wrapping up' our unit of study on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will shortly begin, "The Season of Advent and Christmas". This unit will link up with our final Inquiry for the year.

In **Maths** we are learning to tell the time and recite all the days, months and seasons of the year. In number we are focusing on revising and refining our number skills and knowledge, especially number reading and writing, place value and some simple addition and subtraction strategies ready for Pp/Yr 1 and Yr 2 next year.

In **Literacy**, we have turned our focus to some mini author studies during our shared reading sessions. The children have enjoyed comparing how different authors' books are similar and different and have had great fun becoming authors and illustrators themselves, generating some innovations based on the different authors' texts. Jez Alborough, Eric Carle and Alison Lester better watch out in the future! The Year Ones have also enjoyed having a go at some Accelerated Reader quizzes linked to our shared books and are all well on their way to reaching their full goal for the term. In Writing, the students have been enjoying listening to stories about the Magic Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton.

Through each adventure, they have been learning to describe characters with interesting adjectives, retell the stories by remembering all the events and will soon use their imagination to create their own adventures. Finally, after waiting patiently, the Wishing Chair arrived at school this week to take them on some adventures around the playground!

In **Art**, our bags are coming along nicely. The children are really listening well to instructions and being very careful with the large (semi-blunt) sewing needles!



Save the date!

- Sports Carnival - 19th Nov
- Music Assembly - 26th Nov
- KPP1 Advent Liturgy - 29th Nov
- Graduation Mass (Yr 6) - 2nd Dec
- Christmas Concert - 8th Dec
- Last day of school! - 10th Dec



Sports Carnival

The children have really enjoyed their sports carnival practices both at PDHS and on our school oval and hall and have shown great team spirit. A huge thank you to our very enthusiastic Kindy students who will also be joining us on Friday to help make up a team for the Pre-Primary events – they have done a fantastic job!

The children will each be sent home with an aqua blue sports shirt to wear on the day later this week. Please remember to return this shirt washed to school ASAP after the carnival.

On the day the children will come to school as normal, and we will all catch the bus up to PDHS together. In your child's school bag please pack some healthy snacks for them to eat and their lunch (if you haven't placed a lunch order) and a full drink bottle. If your child requires special sunblock, please pop it in their bag and inform staff, as sunblock will be applied throughout the day.

Interschool Sports Carnival day is always a highlight of the year and we, once again, thank PDHS for the use of their oval in preparation and all the time and effort they put in to running and hosting the event.



Homework

Thank you to all the families who are consistently completing and returning their child's homework. Your support and efforts are greatly appreciated and help to develop sound study habits that will be of great benefit to your child in the years to come.



Music Assembly & Advent Liturgy

The children are getting quite excited about the whole school Music Assembly in a couple of weeks.

Boomwhackers and drums are booming and the jungle lions are preparing for their march already!

Then, the following week we will present our Advent Liturgy ! See you there!

