



Term 3, Weeks 1-5

# YEAR 1/2 NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 28th** - Constable Care Incursion

**August 3rd** - K/P Assembly @ 9am

**August 10th** - Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass & 70th Anniversary Celebrations

**August 15th** - St Joseph's TREE Talks (Year 2-6)

**August 17th** - School Photos & Whole School Mass led by Year 3/4

**August 19th** - Assessment Books to go Home

## Literacy

This term we are exploring how to write information reports. We know that before we can begin drafting our information report we need to have a collection of facts related to our topic. This week, we began exploring the different note-taking strategies we can use to gather facts. We know that effective note-taking is about recording key ideas that we can later use in our own words. In the next few weeks, we will be learning how to structure engaging compound sentences we can use to inform our readers.

Get ready to read some very interesting information reports!

This term we have hit the ground running with our AR reading program. We will be working hard to read books at school and at home to help reach our personal reading goals! Each book we read, we can quiz on and earn more points.

## Religious Education

This term our Year Six students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a very exciting time for these students as to show our support for them we will be learning about this Sacrament in our Religious Education lessons. We will explore how Jesus sent the disciples the Holy Spirit to help them remember and understand what Jesus had done and what he had taught them. We will also investigate how the Holy Spirit continues to guide Christians today to be kind and generous, to act with fairness, show respect towards all people, and to love one another as Jesus loves all people.



# Inquiry/Humanities & Social Science

This year we are celebrating our 70th anniversary of St Joseph's! In the spirit of learning all about our schools amazing history, we will be exploring the inquiry question, 'What does our school reveal about the past?' This week, we brainstormed everything we knew about our school and wondered what we would like to explore further. Some of us were surprised that our current school buildings weren't always here. We are excited to begin investigating the old school campus and comparing it to the current campus. We cannot wait to see where this inquiry takes us!

## Health

The Term Three Health curriculum covers privacy and the body. This topic explores the correct anatomical names of body parts, including private body parts. The content also helps students identify 'okay' touching. Some of the Term Three Keeping Safe curriculum can be considered quite sensitive. An additional information sheet will be provided and parents are encouraged to contact Miss De Campo if they have any questions or concerns.

## STEM/Technologies

This term in STEM, students will be learning about the importance of being water wise. They will explore the different ways water can be wasted and develop ideas on how to save water. The first project they will develop will require students to design and create a water irrigation system that ensures all water reaches the plants that are in need with minimal wastage.

## Science

This term the unit focus will be on Biological Science. We will be starting off by exploring different animals and what conditions they need to survive. Students will be exploring the school, researching, and creating animal habitats to understand these conditions and the necessities that they have for animal survival. The students will be meeting their unexpected class pets soon which they have to keep alive by using their research and understanding of habitats!



## Mathematics

**This term, the Year 1 students will be learning the following:**

- Locations & Transformations - Give and follow directions to familiar locations.
- Measurement - Measure and compare the lengths and capacities of pairs of objects using uniform informal units
- Subtraction - Represent and solve simple subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts.

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

- Locations & Transformations - Interpret simple maps of familiar locations and identify the relative positions of key features.
- Measurement - Compare and order several shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity using appropriate uniform informal units.
- Subtraction - Solve simple subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies.

## Homework

This term we will be trialling an additional piece of homework with the usual home reading. Each week your child will have a collection of high-frequency words to practice the spelling of. They can practice spelling each word orally or in written form. This will help your child master the spelling of these high-frequency words and will assist them in becoming fluent writers. It will also allow them to put more energy into the spelling of more difficult words and sentence structure.