



Term 3, Weeks 6-10

YEAR 1/2 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22nd-26th - Book Week

August 24th - Book Week Parade

August 26th - Winter Sports Carnival

September 2nd - Father's Day
Breakfast & Liturgy led by Year 1/2

September 6th - Classroom Open
Night

September 9th - Year 5/6 Assembly @
2:30pm

September 19th-23rd - Swimming
Lessons

September 23rd - Last Day of Term

Literacy

Last week we began exploring the writing genre, procedures. We have been exploring what they are and how they are structured. As a class we defined a procedure as 'a list of instruction to make or do something'. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the language features of procedures and will begin to construct our own. Keep an eye out for some very detailed procedures.

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.

Library

Our Library sessions are every **Monday**. Please ensure that your child has their library books and bag.

Religious Education

Early next term our Year 3 students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In order to prepare these students and support them as a class, we will be exploring this Sacrament for the rest of the term. We will explore how the conscience is a gift that guides people to choose between right and wrong and that when people listen to their conscience, they live peacefully. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, people ask God for forgiveness. Throughout this unit we will learn the First and Second Rite of Reconciliation and the steps involved in celebrating the Sacrament.



Inquiry/Humanities & Social Science

This term, we have been exploring the history of our school. Over the past few weeks, we have investigated our school campus and how it has changed over time. We have also began exploring the school uniform and how it differs from the past and present. Over the next few weeks, we will begin investigating the historical figure that are important to school and why. We will explore how these people have shaped our school community and how they continue to be a presence in our lives now.

Health

For the remainder of the Term in Health, students will be learning to recognise different types of abuse and neglect. We will also explore online safety, and the concept of safe and unsafe secrets.

STEM/Technologies

As students continue to explore ways to be water wise, they will learn about water filtrations systems, designing a basic system of their own. Later in the term, students will also design a water carrying device, considering ways water can be transferred from one location to another with minimal wastage.

Science

We have been exploring the f-ANT-astic world of Ants. Students have just completed the final design stages of their ant farms. Next week, we will introduce live ants to our farms so that we can discover more about the behaviour and biology of ants through our observations and investigations. The students are looking forward to learning more about these very busy little creatures. Our research has already informed us that ants live, work, and eat together in teams ...just like us!



Mathematics

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

- Patterns - Investigate and describe number patterns formed by skip-counting and patterns with objects.
- Graphing - Represent data with objects and drawings where one object or drawing represents one data value. Describe the displays.
- Time Telling - Tell time to the half-hour and describe duration using months, weeks, days and hours

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

- Patterns - Describe patterns with numbers and identify missing elements. Solve problems by using number sentences for addition or subtraction.
- Graphing - Create displays of data using lists, table and picture graphs and interpret them.
- Time Telling - Tell time to the quarter-hour, using the language of 'past' and 'to'. Use a calendar to identify the date and determine the number of days in each month.

Physical Education

From Week 7, students will be starting their preparation for the upcoming sports carnival in term 4. Each lesson students will be focusing on a different activity that will be held on the day. They will be taught the fundamental skills that they require for each activity and getting them ready to represent St Joseph's.