



Term 4, Weeks 6-9

YEAR 1/2 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18th - Athletics Carnival

November 23rd - Reconciliation Liturgy led by Year 1-4, Kearnan Orientation Day for Year 6s & School Advisory Council AGM

November 30th - Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner

December 7th - Christmas Concert & Awards Night

December 8th - Reports sent Home

December 9th - Last Day for Students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is crazy to think that our school year has almost come to an end! This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the last 4 weeks of Term 4.

Literacy

To finish off our year of writing, we will be exploring letters. Over the next few weeks, we will investigate the different types of letters one can write. We will practice writing our own letters using both formal and informal language.

Towards the end of the term, we will even have a go at formatting a published letter using Word on our iPads. We are excited to share some of our favourite memories from the year in our letters!

Library

A reminder that library is every **Monday**. Please ensure that your child's books are kept safe in a library bag.

Religious Education

As a very exciting time in our liturgical year comes closer, we will begin exploring the people, events and preparations leading up to the birth of Jesus. Advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas where people focus on waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. During this time, people can decorate a Jesse Tree to remember all the people and events in the Bible starting from creation to the birth of Jesus. Through this unit, we will learn the meaning of Advent and the Jesse Tree. Advent is also a time to recall the stories of the birth of Jesus. This is one way that Christians can reflect on the presence of Jesus in their lives. We will identify ways people may reach out with love during Advent.



Inquiry/Humanities & Social Science

Over the past few weeks, we have been very busy researching a prehistoric mammal and its unique characteristics. We identified that some of the characteristics our prehistorical mammal had are similar to mammals in our world now. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the similarities and differences of our prehistoric mammal and its modern day relative and why they have changed over time. We are excited to see where this investigation takes us.

Health

For the remainder of the Term, students will revise a range of strategies for 'keeping safe' and how to be persistent when sharing important information around safety.

STEM/Technologies

This Term in Technologies and STEM, students have been revisiting the many sustainability concepts that have been covered throughout the year, including how to be waste, water and energy wise at our school. Using this knowledge, students are working on a major STEM project where they follow the St Joseph's STEM Solutions Process to address a problem in our school community and come up with possible solutions. Over the next few weeks, students will be busy organising a short presentation to share their solution idea.

Science

So far this term in Science the year 1/2/3's have been exploring how living things change. We have looked at how different species change in different ways and focused on animals and humans. For the remaining 4 weeks of Term 4, our focus will be on plants and their life cycle. Students have already begun creating predictions and hypothesis about the growth of plants from a seed. This focus in the unit enables the students to work scientifically with a focus on literature and understanding of all living things.



Mathematics

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

- Money - Recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.
- Data Representation - Represent data with objects and drawings where one object or drawing represents one data value. Describe the displays.
- Fractions - Recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole.

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

- Money - Count and order small collections of Australian coins and notes according to their value.
- Data Representation - Create displays of data using lists, table and picture graphs and interpret them.
- Fractions - Recognise and interpret common uses of halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections.

Physical Education

With one week left to the Athletics Carnival, the students have been working non-stop to master the skills in their team games, they all should be very impressed with themselves as they have improved immensely. The Year 1 and 2 students have finished practicing their vortex throws and the results have been sent off to PDHS to prepare for the big day. In Week 7 students will move their focus from the athletics events and begin to learn about a new summer sport... this sport will involve working together as a team, speed, focus and strategic plays.