

Year 1/2 Class Newsletter



Literacy

New term, new writing genre. This term we are focusing on the structure and language features of persuasive texts. We began exploring point of view in Week One and how to orally give reasons to support our opinions. We are learning that we need compelling reasons to convince others to agree with our opinion. In the coming weeks, we will explore how to structure a simple persuasive text. Get ready to see some very convincing persuasive texts!

In Reading, we have had a big focus on answering comprehension questions with evidence from the text. We are now beginning to explore inferential questions, where we need to use clues from the text to find the answer.

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.

Upcoming Events:

May 1st - Confirmation Parent Information Workshop @ 5:30pm

May 12th - Mother's Day Liturgy & Morning Tea @ 11am. Little Joeys begins 9:00am-10:30am

May 14th - Confirmation @ 10:30am & Mother's Day

May 19th - Year 3/4 Assembly

May 22nd - First Communion Parent Information Workshop @ 5:30pm

May 24th - Whole School Mass led by Year 1/2 @ 10:00am

May 26th - Assessment Books go Home.



Inquiry/Humanities & Social Science

Last term we explore weather patterns around the world. This term we are continuing our studies by exploring how different places around the world experience different seasons. We will be exploring how the equator and different hemispheres contribute to the changes in seasons. We are excited to investigate the different factors that cause our seasons and the purpose of having seasons.

Science

This term students will develop their understanding of the properties of materials and how they change state under different conditions. Students will explore how solids or liquids are influenced by temperature; students will experience the way items from everyday lives can change.

Mathematics

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

- Addition & Subtraction - Represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts.
- Shapes - Recognise and classify familiar two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects using obvious features.

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

- Addition & Subtraction - Explore the connection between addition and subtraction and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies.
- Shapes - Describe and draw two-dimensional shapes, with and without digital technologies. Describe the features of three-dimensional objects.

Library

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

Homework

Each week students will bring home a home reader book and a reading log. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement. Please listen to your child read every night and talk with your child about the book they read to help develop their comprehension skills. In addition, your child may have some sight words to read and/or spell each night. Homework will begin at the beginning of Week 2.

STEM/Technologies

This term in STEM, we are exploring how on-farm products become sustainable for retail sale. Over the next few weeks, we will be investigating the different farming products that are produced in and around our local area. We will be exploring the process in which the product takes to go from the paddock to our plates. We are excited to see where this investigation takes us!