

YEAR FIVE 2019

Grade Overview



Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome to Year Five. Your teachers this year are Miss Dooley in 5 Blue and Mrs Smith in 5 Gold. We are looking forward to working with your children. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion, please make an appointment to see us by sending a note or contacting the office.

Save the Date!

Week 3: 15th Feb. Opening School Mass

Week 5: 1st March Staff Development Day

Week 6: 5th March Meet the Teacher Goal Setting

6th March Ash Wednesday

Week 10: 5th April School Cross Country

Week 11: 9th April God Day

11th April God Day Reflection Walk

12th April Last Day of Term One

Subject Overviews



The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is 'Lent: A Time For Reconciliation' In this unit there is an in-depth analysis of the parable of the Prodigal Son in the context of a study of Lent as a season whose liturgy challenges and invites us to conversion and reconciliation with God and others. Students will interpret the parable's purpose/message within the context of the Lenten liturgy and the celebration of the sacrament of Penance. Our second topic is 'Easter Triduum: Way of the cross'. In this unit students will study and celebrate the events of the Passion of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels and celebrated on Good Friday.

This year our school has been chosen to be a part of the process to develop the new Religious Education curriculum. As part of this process Ms. Amanda Bentley from the C.E.D.P. will spend time working with the students and teachers in Stage 3 to receive their input.

English

This term, our work in weeks 1-3 will integrate with our whole school Personal and Social focus on developing a friendly school. Students will discuss, discover and develop positive relationships leading to a safe and respectful learning environment for all.

Our writing focus this term will be on Imaginative and Persuasive texts in preparation for NAPLAN. We will also focus on a range of spelling strategies to enhance the quality of students' published work.

Grammar will be linked to the text types and include nouns, verbs, conjunctions, present tense, adverbial phrases and modality. Children will read a wide variety of books and will be read to daily as well as being given time for independent reading.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term warm-ups will be based around number patterns; counting forward and backwards from any given number in any interval. Place value, estimation and rounding will be a focus in whole number. The four operations will be covered each term involving money, measurement and decimal notation. Multiplication and Division will be based around the use of mental and written strategies to multiply and divide three and four digit numbers by one digit numbers. In a study of Volume the students will select and use the appropriate units to measure and calculate volumes.

Science & Technology

Our Science & Technology topic for this term is 'Material World'. Within this unit students will explore the relationships between solids, liquids and gases and how these are present in our everyday lives. We will also explore different changes in state of materials and how these changes are used to produce well known products.



History and Geography

History and Geography will not be covered in Term One to allow for thorough investigation of our Science and Technology topic. These subjects will be included in Terms Two and Three.



Creative Arts

The children will have music lessons with Mrs Laus on Tuesdays.

In class, our visual arts program will focus on self-portraits. The students will explore a variety of artworks and techniques of well known portrait artists.

We will also integrate our Religion topic 'Easter Triduum' into the visual arts program.



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on the topic of "Friendly Schools" which explores the importance of developing a sense of self and understanding and interpreting social situations.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on Tuesdays. We will also have class sport sessions each Friday with a focus on skill development while participating in a variety of games using co-operative skills and strategies.





General Information

Our **sport** days will be **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Library Borrowing is every **Monday**.

Homework will begin in Week 4 this term. It will be handed out each Friday, and will be due back in school the following Friday. This gives students the opportunity to complete homework on the weekend if time is short during the week.

Children are expected to read every night for at least 15 minutes. Other homework should take no longer than between 60 and 90 minutes a **week**.

Time management needs to become a focus for children in preparation for NAPLAN. You can help your child to develop their understanding of the importance of this skill by setting a time limit for an activity so they can develop a sense of what a particular time period 'feels like'.

Thanks to all parents who covered workbooks and sent along appropriate pencil cases and supplies for their children. Please check your child's stationery regularly to make sure all supplies needed are there.

Please remind your child to bring their Ipad or Chromebook to school each day, fully charged. Their devices will be used every day in many of their learning activities and it is important that they have enough charge to last a full day of use. Please also ensure that they bring a set of headphones or earphones to school to use with their device. They can be left in their tubs or brought back and forward to school each day.

Goal setting interviews will be taking place later this term. This will be an opportunity for you to share information about your child to assist us in providing for them this year. We look forward to meeting with you.