

YEAR FOUR 2019

GRADE OVERVIEW



Welcome

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. How quickly the first semester has flown! Term Three will be another busy and exciting one in Year 4.

Mrs. Haddad and Miss Brownlow



Save the Date!

Library

Library Borrowing is every Friday. We encourage everyone to borrow books every week!

Sport

Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework

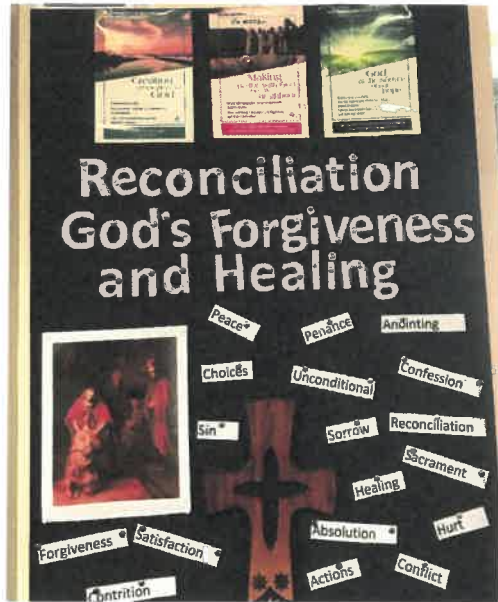
Homework is to be returned every Friday.

Subject Overviews

Science and Technology

Science and Technology will not be covered in Term Three to allow thorough investigation of our History unit.

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 for the term is The Bible: A Special Book. This unit focuses on the inspiration, contents, structure and the literary forms of the Bible.

Our second topic in Religion is Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. This topic focuses on the sacrament of Penance, where we celebrate reconciliation with God, with ourselves and with each other

English

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is nearly over. We're encouraging all students to complete the challenge. They have time each day for independent reading, so this is a great chance for students to read books from the PRC list.

Students will be expected to read more independently and then respond to text themes and characters on a deeper level.

This term our writing focus will be on imaginative and informative texts. We will look at developing characters and plots, creating tension and suspense and how to engage the reader.

Our spelling homework will focus on word families and clever spelling rules. We will continue to have explicit spelling challenges on Friday.

Mathematics

During Mathematics students will continue to explore numbers. We will focus again on addition and subtraction and linking the use of concrete materials to algorithms. Multiplication and Division as well as Fractions and Decimals will be continued this term.

In Measurement and Geometry we will look at Length and Mass. We will also look at Data this term.



History

Our History unit this term is a new one titled: *Our Australia 40 000 years ago to 1800*.

In this unit we will learn about the history of Australia and the first contact of Europeans with the Aboriginal people.

The children will develop an appreciation of the contribution of past and present people to our shared heritage.

Our History unit will also have a Project-Based Learning (PBL) element which is an approach to teaching and learning that engages students in rich and authentic learning experiences.

In a PBL environment, students gain knowledge and skills by investigating and responding to an engaging question, problem or challenge. Students learn the skills of collaboration to work in teams to complete a project.



Creative Arts

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will explore powerful artworks by a variety of artists. They will look at artistic styles such as surrealism and create artworks inspired by famous pieces.

The children will continue to have Creative Arts lessons with Mrs. Laus on Tuesdays.



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Our Personal Development and Health unit is titled "Growing and Changing". This unit focuses on life changes and associated feelings. We will look at concepts of personal identity, the body systems and values.

Students will continue to have sport lessons with Mr. Jones every Tuesday. We will also have sport sessions on a Thursdays in which we will focus on developing skills by participating in a variety of games focusing on fitness and participation.

General Information

Year 4 sport days will be Tuesday and Thursday.

Our Library day is Friday.

Homework will be handed out each Friday, and due the following Friday. This gives students the opportunity to complete homework on the weekend if time is short during the week. Please ensure your child completes all elements of the homework.

Children are expected to read every night for at least 15 minutes. Other homework should take no longer than between 45 and 60 minutes a week.

Thanks to all parents who have 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.

Mrs Haddad. and Miss Brownlow

