



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 26th October 2018

Dear Parents and/or Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

Please find attached an overview for our learning this term. If you have any questions at any stage please do not hesitate to email me.

This term our class sport will continue to be on Thursday, the students will need to wear their sport uniform that day please. The students will be learning basketball skills with an experienced coach.

Mrs Sekulich and I are currently organising an excursion for Stage 2. We are hoping that it will be later in the term, watch this space!

Home Learning will be sent home on a Monday and is to be returned on Friday. Home Learning is given to consolidate the learning we do in class and it is not meant to be a strenuous or difficult task. If your child is struggling with their Home Learning I am more than happy to offer assistance, or explain a task further in class. I will be sighting the Home Learning but not chasing it up. If you would like your child to be exempt from Home Learning please let me know.

I would appreciate it if you could send in some tissues, baby wipes and glue sticks. The students will also need to make sure they have a pair of scissors and some lead pencils for Maths lessons.

If you should have any questions for me, or need to contact me through the year, my email address is lisette.calleja@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards

Lisette Calleja

Year Four 2018

Curriculum Overview Term Four

The primary school curriculum is divided into seven Key Learning Areas (subjects).
Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each of these areas throughout Term 4.

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Important dates for this term: Fun Fair 27th October, End of year Christmas Carols 14th December at 6 pm, End of year Mass 19th December 11:30am.

Religious Education

Missioning Rite:

In this module students will develop **an understanding and appreciation of mission as loving service based on Jesus' example** as portrayed in Jesus' washing the disciples' feet (Jn 13:1-15) and his teaching of The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10: 25-37).

Advent to Christmas:

Students will be led to see Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. They will explore the Advent Readings particularly the role of the prophet John the Baptist in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. Students are invited to share the Christmas message of love, joy and peace as they gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus God's son.

English

Reading & Viewing

Students will engage in many types of reading, this will include: modelled, shared, guided and independent reading. These reading strategies will be linked to comprehension skills needed to be a competent reader.

Writing and Representing, Spelling and Grammar

Writing: Persuasive, Informative and Imaginative text types will be explored and integrated with texts from our reading lessons.

Handwriting: Focus on cursive writing

Spelling: Words will be related to spelling rules, personalised words and theme words. We will continue to build our vocabulary by exploring the meaning of parts of words.

Grammar: will be integrated in all areas of our English block

Speaking and Listening and Vocabulary

The emphasis of Term 4 is on sharing information found. Children will all be encouraged to present facts to the class or to read out poetry or other pieces of writing. We will also continue to focus on developing the student's vocabulary.

Mathematics

Students will participate in Maths individually, in groups and as a whole class through a variety of activities. Children will continue to work in Maths groups that should challenge their level of understanding. Our Maths lessons will encourage deep thinking and a positive growth mindset towards Maths. This term our focus will be on the following areas:

Whole Number, Length, Fractions & Decimals, Addition and Subtraction, Two-dimensional Space, Angles, Three-dimensional Space, Chance, Data

Science & Technology - Living/Non Living Things

This term the students are working on this unit in which they will be describing that living things have life cycles, can be distinguished from non-living things and grouped, based on their observable features. Students will be observing their environment of the school playground and at the beach.

Creative Arts

Visual Arts:

Throughout the term visual arts will be used to enhance learning and will be related to the units studied. Visual Arts combined with Year 3 will be craft based for this term.

Music, Dance & Drama:

This term, Mrs Appleton will teach Music and Dance. Drama activities are integrated into Religious Education lessons and PDH lessons.

Home Learning

Please refer to our Home Learning policy for information regarding expectations and procedures around Home Learning

At St Joseph's School, we will set Home Learning for our students', however we will not enforce the completion of Home Learning. Parents may consult with their child's teacher in order to reduce the amount of Home Learning or request an exemption for that year. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

History/Geography - Not done this term.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Students will participate in sports lessons led by our specialist **PE** teacher, Mrs Nikki Frost, on a Friday. The students will be involved in a Basketball Clinic on Thursdays.

PDH: Happy, Healthy and Safe/SEL

We will continue to focus on our PBL Rules of the week and the need for Respectful Relationships.

Housekeeping/Timetable

Monday - Library, Homework sent home

Tuesday -Banking

Wednesday - Nude Food Day, SEL (Odd Weeks)/Assembly (Even Weeks)

Thursday - Basketball Clinic (Please wear sport uniform)

Friday - Sport and Music, (Please wear sport uniform), Homework is to be returned.

Notes, phone call or emails must advise reason for absence.

Crunch and Sip at 10am each day - FRESH fruit or vegetables and water.

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Lisette Calleja - Year 4 Teacher