

Curriculum Information for Term 1 2026 for Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 1. I hope that you all had a well-deserved rest over the holiday period.

Thank you for sending your child to school well prepared and with all their supplies. Remember to label their clothing and belongings including their hats, jumpers and lunchboxes etc.

Year 4 has settled well into the new school year ahead and we are looking forward to another year of fun and learning!

In NSW all schools are mandated to teach subjects according to the NSW Education and Standards Authority (NESA) learning areas (subjects). There are six learning areas. [This link gives information to parents about the 6 learning areas](#). Each learning area is weighted differently according to time spent on the subject. In Primary school English is allocated the most time followed by maths. In English all skills are taught daily around texts and writing genres. In other subjects there is often a title to a unit of work to be covered for several weeks or the whole term. As a Catholic school we also teach Religious Education (RE), following the curriculum of the Broken Bay diocese.

Religious Education - Forgiveness and Healing

In this unit students will develop their understanding of the seven sacraments of the Church, with a particular focus on the Sacraments of Healing. They will reflect on Jesus' ministry of healing when he acted with love and compassion. Students will explore the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick and how these bring strength, peace and courage in times when we need healing. At these times, we open ourselves to receive God's grace and recognise the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

This module is designed to support the Parish Sacramental Program for First Reconciliation. (Please attend Parish weekend masses to more information).



English

This term, students will be focusing on the topics of **Narrative and Genre** throughout all aspects of English, including oral language & communication, vocabulary, reading fluency and reading comprehension. Our focus texts will be the novel "The Thing about Oliver" by Deborah Kelly and two factual books "Deadly Science" and "Meanwhile Back on Earth" which focus on the topic of the solar system.



Maths

Students will continue to develop essential **numeracy skills** and **mathematical fluency**, while nurturing the ability to think logically, critically and creatively. They will identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships and develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills to solve routine and non-routine problems. Students will apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions. *This term the units of work will include place-value, additive relations, geometric measures, fractions and data.*

Science & Technology - Heat

Students learn about heat energy, where it comes from, and how it moves from warmer objects to cooler ones. They explore how temperature is measured, investigate how different materials absorb or reflect heat through simple experiments, and discover how heat affects everyday life.



Geography -Healthy Habitats (Taught by Mrs Paul & Mrs Fogwell)

In this unit, students will learn about different habitats and why environments are important for the survival of people, plants, and animals. They will explore Australia's major natural environments, such as forests, deserts, grasslands, rivers, and wetlands, and learn how vegetation and water sources support living things. Students will also learn about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples care for Country through sustainable practices and seasonal knowledge. The unit includes comparing Australia's environments with those of another continent and investigating how human actions can change environments.

Creative Arts-

Visual Arts activities are based on themes throughout the curriculum including our English focus texts as well as other events that occur during the term. During Term 1 we will be exploring the forms of drawing, painting and digital forms through the subject matter of objects.

Music, Dance and Drama: Creative Arts lessons will be led by Mrs Paul. Drama and Dance activities are also sometimes integrated into daily topics allowing the students to express themselves through movement.



PDHPE-Our unit is **"Coping with Challenges"**. Students will explore the range of challenges they may be presented with and will recognise how being persistent builds resilience. They will investigate a range of responses and strategies to deal with challenges and different situations to build capacity to respond appropriately in the future.

PE -Each week we will have 2 lessons of P.E; **"Class Sport"** and a P.E. lesson led by our specialist teacher Mrs Frost.

Year 4 weekly routine

Monday - Homework set. Class Sport. AFL clinics will be from weeks 4-8. Wear sports uniform

Tuesday - Library (Mrs Fogwell) Creative Arts (Mrs Paul) Bring your library bag

Thursday- School assembly-Every 2nd week (even weeks)

Friday - Homework handed in. PE with Mrs Frost Wear sports uniform

Canteen

Our school canteen is usually open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please order via the app.

Communication

If you wish to contact me, please email alison.jarman@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call the School Office to arrange an appointment.