

Curriculum Information for Term 2 2026 for Year 1

Dear Parents,

We are back and ready to learn in Term 2. It has been so great to see your children make so much progress both in and out of the classroom and we can't wait to see how much they continue to grow this term. Below is a brief overview of the learning that will be done in each of the Key Learning Areas.

In **Religious Education**, we will continue to explore the life of Jesus and key moments from the Mass. The teacher uses physical equipment to demonstrate the learning which the children then have access to during their free expression time. They may also choose to use a range of other equipment including drawing, playdough, building materials etc to explore the concepts on a deeper level or express their understanding.

The children will continue to develop effective communication skills in **English**. The children will read and explore a range of texts from decodable texts to rich texts with a range of contexts and purposes. Decodable texts are designed to help children learn to read, focussing on individual phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (the various letters that form each sound). We do deep investigations into high quality texts to learn about all aspects of the English language and how it all comes together to communicate meaning.

The aim of **Mathematics** is to build confident and creative learners who can effectively use a range of efficient strategies to solve a variety of problems. The students use equipment and written strategies and are given regular opportunities to practise and solidify mathematical skills. Students are given opportunities to work independently and collaboratively to develop their own strategies and to learn from others.

This term we will be doing a **Science and Technology** unit titled 'Materials Around Us.' This unit allows students to develop their understanding of different materials in the world around us. Students will learn and incorporate STEM skills throughout the term and continue to build these skills like creativity and collaboration.

In Geography, we will continue to learn about the features of places and how local places change over time. We will learn about natural and built places and the geography of the place we live.

In **Visual Arts**, students will continue to have an opportunity to experiment with a range of visual media including paint, oil pastel, pencils etc. Year 1 will be supported by their Year 5 "Helping Hands" during art time. On Tuesdays, Mrs Brenda Paul teaches Drama with an emphasis on creating and performing as well as drama appreciation.

The Term 2 unit is titled 'Asking for Help.' In this unit students will identify and describe the feelings and warning signs that indicate they need help in a range of situations. They will recall and practise the help-seeking strategies they can employ when required through role-play. Class sport lessons will be a time for children to learn and practise the rules and skills of handball in preparation of our annual interschool handball competition. Students will also have specialist lessons in Pickleball.

We have class sport on Mondays and **PE** lessons led by Mrs Frost on Fridays.

Home Learning will be given out on a **Monday** (or Tuesday sometimes) and returned on a **MONDAY**. Please return readers weekly. Students are encouraged to keep reading over the weekend using rich literature from home or local library.

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Key Dates:

- Mother's Day Liturgy 930am on Friday 8th May (Year 1 class is leading this liturgy)