**RELIGION**

This term we have two units.

‘God Loves Me’

We will learn about:
- Our unique identity.
- How to express our feelings and emotions.
- That God always loves us.
- Our Scripture focus will be ‘The Lost Sheep.’

‘From Ashes to Easter’

We will learn about:
- Ash Wednesday as a special day and the first day of Lent.
- The story of Palm Sunday.
- The special signs and symbols of Easter.

This term we will be learning how to make the sign of the Cross, how to say the Angelus that we pray everyday at 12pm. You may like to reinforce these at home.

**ENGLISH**

The elements of our daily Literacy block are:
- **Literacy groups** – a rotation of literacy activities based on reading, writing and talking and listening.
- **Shared reading** – we will share a big book together as a class with a specific focus such as reading with fluency.
- **Guided reading** – students work in a small needs based group and work with the teacher at least once a week.
- **Independent reading** – students read a familiar book from guided reading or can choose a library book.
- **Read aloud** – students listen to a story for enjoyment during crunch and sip.
- **Modelled writing** – the teacher models the writing process.
- **Guided writing** – students work in a small needs based group and work with the teacher at least once a week.
- **Independent writing** – students apply concepts taught during modelled writing.

We will be learning about the letters and sounds of the alphabet by opening up the treasure chest and exploring the items and letter inside. We will also be visiting the Letterland program and meeting the alphabet characters and reinforcing our sounds throughout our Literacy activities.

This term we will learning Nursery Rhymes as part of our daily reading and writing.

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**Dates for your diary...**

**WEEK 4**
Friday 20th February
5.00pm - P&F Family Picnic night

**WEEK 6**
Tuesday 3rd March
Cyber Safety Parent Night

**WEEK 7**
Thursday 12th March
9.15am-10.15am
Celebration of Learning

**WEEK 8**
Monday 16th March
6.30pm - Judy Hatswell Parenting Presentation

**WEEK 9**
Tuesday 24th March
Nursery Rhyme Day – A parade and picnic to held in the afternoon.
Please note the change in date from the Kinder newsletter.

**WEEK 9**
Friday 27th March
Munch ‘n’ Crunch

**WEEK 10**
Thursday 2nd April
Last day of Kindergartens first school term!
**MATHS**

The elements of our one hour daily Numeracy block are:

- **Warm up** – a number based activity.
- **Rich task or investigation** – an open-ended activity that allows students to explore a concept.
- **Reflection** – students reflect on and discuss their thinking and strategies used.

Some of the topics we will be learning about this term are numbers, patterns, 2D shapes, data, addition and subtraction.

We have been working on estimating how many items there are in a collection and then organising them to be able to accurately count the collection.

We will be learning about the Number Triad – that a number can be represented by a numeral, word and group.

You can reinforce learning at home by talking about the mathematics that is in everyday life – cooking, putting toys away, and then asking children to share their thinking.

**CREATIVE ARTS**

Music will be with Mrs McGregor every Wednesday.

Visual Arts will be part of our Jellybean Group rotation. Working in small groups children will be able to explore different art mediums, including painting and simple sculptures. This term our Creative Arts will be based around our Nursery Rhyme theme.

Creative arts is also integrated into our Literacy Block through dramatising stories that we read and taking on characters as well as drawing pictures in response to a text.

**HSIE**

This term our unit is:

‘School Days’

We will learn about:

- Who is in our grade.
- What we do in Kinder.
- Similarities and differences between preschool and school.
- Our school Values and quality behaviour.
- Who the people are in our school and what their role is.
- What is our own responsibility in the classroom and on the playground.

You might like to share with your child your own experience of Kindergarten and perhaps some of the similarities and differences.

**PDHPE**

This term our health unit is:

‘Me and My Mates.’

We will learn about:

- What makes us special.
- How we can develop good relationships with family, friends and others.

Dance Fever will take place every Monday and is run by Dance Fever teachers.

Gross motor will take place every Friday as part of our Physical Education program. You may like to practise skipping with a skipping rope with your child as this can be a tricky skill for children to develop.

**Other Notices & Reminders...**

- Note folders come to school every day and will be sent home every afternoon.
- Don’t forget to label all of your child’s belongings please.
- Kindergarten (and their parents!) have settled into school very well!

**What’s happening each week...**

**MONDAY**
- Sports uniform
- Morning Assembly
- Dance Fever

**WEDNESDAY**
- Music with Mrs McGregor
- Japanese with Mrs Schafer

**THURSDAY**
- Library borrowing

**FRIDAY**
- Sports uniform
- Gross Motor