RELIGION

This term we have three units.

‘Eucharist: The Structure of the Mass’
The aim of the unit is to promote the students’ full, conscious and active participation in the celebration of the Eucharist by learning more about the liturgies, rites and symbols of the Mass. This unit is to help prepare the students who are making their First Eucharist.

‘Lent: An Invitation To Believe’
In this Lenten unit students study the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: ‘Jesus cures the man born blind from birth’ and explore its themes of faith and spiritual discernment in relation to Baptism and the celebration of the Season of Lent.

‘Easter Triduum Passover: Exodus’
In this unit, students study the Exodus story and its celebration in the Jewish Passover meal drawing upon the experience of refugees and immigrants to Australia. The unit seeks to develop students’ understanding of the new meaning Jesus gave to the sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper and to relate the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist to its hospitality and service to refugees and immigrants.

ENGLISH

Our Literacy Block will consist of the following elements;

- Literacy Groups
- Shared Reading
- Reciprocal Reading
- Independent Reading
- Read Aloud (Crunch & Sip break)
- Modelled Writing
- Guided Writing
- Independent Writing

Our writing this term will focus on persuasive, imaginative and informative writing. We will incorporate elements of Drama Literacy into our Literacy block.

We will also be reading lots of texts about Aboriginal Culture and British Colonisation.

As part of our daily Read Aloud students will be reading and enjoying a selection of picture books about The Dreamtime.

Dates for your diary...

WEEK 3
Tuesday 10th February
Aboriginal Cultural Day – Incursion

Tuesday 17th February
Opening School Mass – 9.15

Thursday 12th February
Year 4 Parent Information Meeting

WEEK 4
Tuesday 17th February
Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday

WEEK 7
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday 10th March
Australiana Pioneer Village Excursion

WEEK 8
Tuesday 17th March
Cross Country

WEEK 10
Holy Week
**MATHS**
This term we will be exploring mathematical concepts through open-ended investigations and rich tasks.

Some of the topics we will be learning about are:
- Whole Numbers
- Addition/Subtraction
- Patterns and Algebra
- Length/Perimeter
- 3D
- Data

We are working on becoming efficient mathematicians. To continue to develop their number sense at home, your child can share with you our warm-up games that you can play together as a family.

Students are encouraged to revise their times tables daily.

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**HUMAN SOCIETY & ITS ENVIRONMENT**

**This term our unit is**

*What was life like for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples before the arrival of the Europeans?*

The stimulus for this inquiry will be an incursion where children will be immersed in Aboriginal culture pre-colonisation.

The Aboriginal Cultural Day incursion will be on Tuesday, 10th February 2015.

Students will also be visiting the Australiana Pioneer Village at Wilberforce on 10th March 2015.

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**CREATIVE ARTS**

Music will continue with Mrs McGregor every Wednesday. Mrs Schafer will be taking the students for Japanese lessons again this year, on a Wednesday.

Visual Arts and Drama are integrated with our Human Society & Its Environment unit, Religion units and Literacy Tasks.

This term, the students will be looking at Aboriginal Art styles inspired by their culture.

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**PDHPE**

This year the students will be participating in the ‘FRIENDS for Life Program’.

The FRIENDS program helps children, families and schools develop resilience and positive life-coping skills so that everyone can deal with whatever life throws their way.

Sport will take place every Monday this term as part of our Physical Education program. Students will participate in the Dance Fever program.

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**Other Notices & Reminders…**

- Each student needs to read for 20 minutes a day.
- We encourage students to access Classm8 at home. This is an option for students who would like to continue their learning outside of school.
- When the “FRIENDS FOR LIFE” program begins, it is important to discuss together as a family the home tasks each weekend from the “FRIENDS FOR LIFE” activity book.
- Each Thursday from 12:25 – 2:55 Mrs. Grima Starkey will be working with other students from across the grades on using technology to help enhance our learning. Mrs Khalifeh will replace Mrs. Grima Starkey on Thursday.
- Students work journal and mathematics scrapbook are sent home each Friday. Students are encouraged to share their learning with their parents and continue their learning at home if they wish to.

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**What’s happening each week…**

**MONDAY**
- Morning Assembly
- Sports uniform
- Work Journals are to be returned to class.

**TUESDAY**
- Library borrowing

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

**FRIDAY**
- Sports uniform
- Work Journals are sent home.

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The Year 4 Teaching Team