



Stage 2M – Term 4, 2017

Curriculum Overview

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term Stage 2 are participating in the 'Mountain to the Sea Environmental Project' with students from St Monica's, Parramatta and St Rose's, Collaroy. Every child be involved in this program directly or indirectly beginning with the excursion on Wednesday 18 October involving 20 students. The learning that those students bring back will benefit everyone. All students will be involved in the Katoomba section of the program on 9th November.

Our Term 4 topics are as follows:

Religion:

Mission:

In this unit students will explore the concept of loving service and relate it to mission based on Jesus' example as portrayed in Jesus washing the disciples' feet (Jn13:1-15) and his teaching of The Parable of the good Samaritan (Lk10: 25-37). They will explore ways in which Christians can serve other people, particularly those overseas.

Advent and Christmas

This unit will explore the Advent Readings. Students will be led to see Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas that challenges us to renew our commitment to being a bearer of Christ's love to others. Students are invited to share the message of joy and peace as they gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's son.

Mathematics: The children will also be revising and learning their times tables for automatic recall. They will be exploring the relationships between multiplication, division and the concept of area. The following strands: addition and subtraction, place value involving decimals and length will also be covered.

English: To complement our Science and History Units this term, the text types covered will focus on Information Reports. We will continue our focus on persuasive texts, procedures and narratives. This term the children will continue to study, in depth, class-reading books. Your child is encouraged to read their own books at their reading level each evening at home.

Human Society and Its Environment: This unit provides opportunities for students to explore ways that significant individuals, groups and events contributed to changes in the local community of Katoomba over time. There will be a link to the history of our school. The unit of work also helps students to understand the areas of historical inquiry and communication.

Science and Technology: Students explore the sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon. They investigate how shadows change throughout the day and link these changes to the Sun's apparent movement across the sky. Through investigations, they explain night and day in terms of the Earth rotating on its axis.

PDHPE: Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a range of gymnastics activities every Tuesday. The Personal Development unit this term has a focus on feeling safe and addresses the issue of Bullying.

Creative Arts: There will be a focus Australian Indigenous Art as well as Christmas Art and Craft.

We look forward to a stimulating and productive term. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any issue that may arise.

Regards

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