



Curriculum Overview

Stage 2B Term 4 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term Four, which promises to be filled with busy, contemporary and creative learning. I have a great interest in Australian History so I am delighted to be presenting a unit which I created about the history of St Canice's and the way that the Sisters of Charity have influenced our community.

Topics for the Key Learning Areas are as follows:

Religious Education:

Mission: Serving Others with Jesus

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 (Jn 13:1-15) and his teaching of The Parable of the good Samaritan (Lk 10: 25-37). In Stage 2B They will explore ways in which Christians can serve other people, particularly those less fortunate in our local community.

Advent and Christmas Units

Students will discover that during Old Testament times, the prophets reminded the chosen people of their Covenant with God. They will learn of the prophets' promise of a special person whom God would send and discover that this person is Jesus.

English:

Literacy will continue to occur during the first session of each day. We begin each day with a short session of silent reading. Our literacy theme is called 'Space' due to the work being done in Science. The text types covered will include Explanations, Narratives and Persuasive texts. Weekly homework in Stage 2B provides literacy passages required for the weekly dictation session each Friday morning.

Mathematics:

As well as revising basic numeracy skills and operations, the children will also be revising times tables. They will be learning about the four basic operations as well as decimals and number patterns. In the field of Measurement and Geometry, there will be work on 3D shapes, Temperature, Area, Mass, Capacity and Length. In Stage 2B we will continue to work on problem solving strategies.

Human Society & Its Environment:

Community and Remembrance

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 in relation to the Sisters of Charity. This unit of work also helps students to understand the areas of historical inquiry and communication

Science & Technology:

Earth & Space (Night and Day)

This unit of work links science with literacy in the classroom. 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. Students will be able to explain night and day in terms of the Earth spinning on its axis. In Stage 2B other astronomical topics of interest will be explored in relation to the solar system through our Personal Projects system.

Creative Arts:

Our History, Science and Religion units will provide stimulus for visual arts activities. Music will continue to be taught by Ms Fraser on Wednesday and Thursday.

Personal Development, Health And Physical Education:

In Stage 2B, the Personal Development unit, 'Positive Relationships' will engage students to develop their interpersonal skills, to recognize safe and unsafe social behavior and to learn how to get help when necessary. In Physical Education, students will be learning Gymnastics through a range of gymnastics activities provided by specialist teachers. Students need to wear their sport uniforms each Tuesday for Gymnastic lessons.

Library:

Library borrowing will be on Tuesday at 11.30. The children need to ensure they borrow sufficient books to read at home as well as have reading material for Silent Reading in class. Silent Reading is an integral part of the daily Literacy Block.

Homework:

Each week the homework is available to families on paper. There are two levels of homework to cater for the range of levels in the class. Please continue to practise the weekly dictation for Friday. During homework sessions, please encourage your child to practise learning/memorising tables as well as basic addition, subtraction and division facts.

I look forward to a happy, stimulating and productive final term. Please feel free to contact me to discuss any issue that may arise.

Sincerely,
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