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Curriculum Overview

Term 1, 2017

Stage One (Years One and Two)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Stage One, 2017. We look forward to a year of fun and dynamic learning.

Religion:

Year One

Jesus Our Friend - The children will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian living through our loving God and neighbours.

Lent: Growing Together – The children will learn how Jesus encouraged others to grow and change through His words and actions. They will learn about personal growth and change in preparation for Easter.

Easter Triduum: The Last Supper – The children will relate the story of the Last Supper to their own family's celebration of meals and the parish community's celebration of the Eucharist.

Year Two

Jesus Helps Me To Love – The children will learn and appreciate Jesus as the model for Christian living. They will deepen their experience of and relationship with God and with other people according to Jesus' teaching and example.

Lent: Being Alone - This unit focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent. It enables the students to look for, know and find God within themselves.

Easter Triduum: Never Alone – They will examine the prayerful aspect of Holy Week, focusing on the example of Jesus, who was able to talk with God his Father about his feelings, fears and problems.

English: We will be engaging the children in Shared reading through the use of big books. We will be looking at the various reading and comprehension strategies. Students will look at what makes a sentence and will have the opportunity to explore exciting ways in which to improve their writing techniques.

Mathematics: Students will be learning about Whole Number involving two and three digits, Basic Operations, such as Addition, Subtraction, Patterns and Algebra, Length and 3D space. There will be a strong emphasis on hands on activities that involve open-ended tasks and mental computational skills.

Geography: This term our topic is **Features of Places**. Students investigate the natural features of different places and explore maps of Katoomba and the Blue Mountains. They identify the active role we have in the care of places. Students investigate how places are managed and cared for and discuss the connections people have to different places.

Science and Technology: Our Unit is **Water Works**. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for, a precious natural resource. Through investigations, students explore how water is used, where water comes from and how to use it responsibly.

PDHPE: Sport will be held on Monday. This term the children will learn some traditional and fun dance routines. They will also be participating in regular fitness activities focusing on a range of fundamental movement skills.

The Personal Development topic is *Getting Along With Others*. The children will be exploring ways they can develop positive relationships with their family, friends and with others?

Visual Arts: This term our Visual Arts will be connected to our Science unit and we will explore the use of recycled materials to create artworks (linked to SAS theme).

Music/Italian: The children will be participating in **Music and Italian lessons on Thursday** with Ms Frazer and Mrs Welch respectively.

Library

Borrowing day will be Tuesday. Library time is designed to encourage a life long love of literature.

Covering books

Your child will be bringing home books to be covered during the first couple of weeks. Could you please cover them in clear plastic/contact. We will need each book back at school the next day, so if you cannot cover them right away, don't worry. Your child can take them home with them again the following day.

Homework

At the Stage One level, homework should not exceed 15 minutes. As it is important for your child to develop good reading practices, the Take Home Readers are a great reading resource. A daily reading routine at this age level is crucial for positive reading results. Children are asked to bring their reading folders in every day. Parents are encouraged to involve their child in everyday maths, for example telling time, counting money and calculating change, cooking, identifying shapes in the environment, quick recall of addition and subtraction facts.

We look forward to a stimulating, fun and productive year. Please feel free to organise a time to contact your child's teacher(s) if you would like to discuss any issue that may arise. Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours in education,

Mrs Chris van der Walle
Year One

Miss Lauren Bennett: Mon/Tues & Thurs/Fri
Mrs Sharon Debien: Wed
Year Two