



Stage Two

Curriculum Overview, Term Three, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term Three.

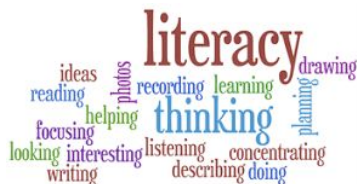
Please find below an overview of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term:

Religious Education:

Students will explore the following units:

- **Mary: A Woman of Faith.** In this unit, students will explore gospel stories which tell of Mary's faithfulness. They will be encouraged to learn from the example of Mary and her response to God. They will have opportunities to honour Mary through liturgy and prayer.
- In this unit the students will grow in their understanding that by appreciating nature we come to know God and recognise the Divine presence in the wonder and work of creation. They will appreciate their responsibility to care for and to conserve our world.

English: This term a major focus in Literacy will be our Leura Catchment project. Literacy encompasses reading, writing, grammar, spelling and speaking and listening. Students will continue to develop their comprehension and research skills, reading informative texts which will support students when writing persuasive, imaginative and informative texts. The students will be involved in creating information pamphlets, creative texts and dioramas about endangered species in the Leura Catchment. We will be continuing to encourage students to reflect on aspects of their own work and the work of others to continue growing reading and writing independence.



Mathematics: This term students will be participating in a wide range of challenging open-ended and rich tasks. These tasks have more than one answer. This encourages deeper thinking, persistence and problem solving while developing skills in and understandings of mathematical concepts.

Geography: This term students will examine and explore the Leura Catchment area and Leura Falls. Stage 2 will be working with Jenny Hill from BMCC and a class from Katoomba PS. The children will research endangered species from the catchment area and will explore ways to engage the community in conservation efforts. This unit is strongly linked to our Science and Literacy Units.

Science and Technology: This term's Living Things unit is 'Waterways'. Students will be provided with the opportunity to explore the local environment, examining local plants, animals and microorganisms, as well as their interdependence and interactions with each other and their environment.

Students will be sharing their learnings at a **Swamp Fest on Sunday the 23rd September**.

Please put this date on your calendar.

Creative Arts: Students will be continuing to develop their skills in visual arts through a variety of different learning experiences and mediums. Through our "Waterways" units, students will participate in workshops with local artist, Selena Siefert. The students will develop their sketching and painting skills. Students will also participate in Music with Ms Frazer.

P.D.H.P.E: This term's sport program will focus on Basketball skills. The Health program examines ways that children can keep themselves safe - from injuries, from fire, in the sun.

We ask that students wear their sport uniform on Friday please.

L.O.T.E: On Thursdays students participate in Italian lessons with Mrs Welch.

Library

Students have the opportunity to borrow from the Library each week, on a Tuesday. We encourage students to borrow two books each week so that they have a book to read at home and a book to read during independent reading time at school.

At Home

We continue to encourage students to read daily (Minimum of 15 min) and to become involved in extended class tasks posted on our *Google Classrooms*. Students can also access their *StudyLadder* website, *Typing Club* and their *ReadTheory* website for activities to complement our learning in the classroom.



Sincerely,

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