

STAGE 1 TERM OVERVIEW Term 1, 2018

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Key Learning Area	Topics
Religious Education	<p>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.</p> <p>Easter Triduum: Never Alone In this unit, students 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.</p> <p>Easter: Jesus Is With Us In this unit, students will share their family experiences of Easter. They will study post Resurrection stories and explore the ways Jesus is with us today.</p>
English	<p>Reading Our focus for reading will be to continue to develop their reading skills and strategies which include locating information in a written text and interpreting what they have read. Students will: ⇒ Contribute to shared reading and group work. ⇒ Participate in modelled and shared reading of the 'Big Book' being covered. ⇒ Participate in menu board activities, which include guided reading. Students are grouped ⇒ according to their reading level.</p> <p>Talking and Listening Our focus will be on developing the student's communication, presentation and listening skills.</p> <p>Writing This term the students will learn to understand and apply knowledge of language forms and features to create short imaginative and informative texts. Students will develop an understanding of how to plan, write and edit their work in order to make it more effective.</p> <p>Spelling This year we will be using the Sound Waves program for spelling. Students will also be studying word lists each week. These lists will focus on particular sounds and the letter combinations that make these sounds and are therefore used in spelling when they write across all curriculum areas.</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term our focus will be: Working Mathematically - Communicating, Problem solving, reasoning, understandy, fluency Number and Algebra- Whole Number, Addition and Subtraction, Patterns and Algebra and Multiplication and Division. Measurement and Geometry - Length and Area, Time Statistics and Probability- Chance and Data</p>
History and Geography	<p>Children will be studying the unit 'Weather and Seasons'. They will learn about the different seasons and weather conditions in Australia. Through inquiry, students will describe the daily weather and seasons in the local area and how it influences their activiites and daily lives.</p>
Science	<p>The "Watch it Grow" Science unit provides opportunities for students to explore the growth of a range of living things and explore the processes of growth and change, that apply to all animals. Through hands-on activities and investigations, students compare the growth of living things under different conditions.</p>
Personal Development and Health	<p>Our unit this term focuses on Safe Living. The students will explore various aspects of personal, school and road safety. Students will also learn about different people in our community who can help us in an emergency. This year, students will be using the Friendly Schools Plus program. This will help students learn about how their behaviour affects themselves and those around them.</p>
Physical Education	<p>This term PE will occur every Thursday and Friday. It will involve the students developing their fundamental movement skills i.e. throwing, catching, bouncing, jumping and skipping. They will participate in Dance Fever each week.</p>
Creative Arts	<p>Throughout the term the students will be involved in a variety of activities for Art, Music and Dance. The students will be focusing on cutting, gluing, painting and colouring in Art. Singing in Music including a variety of Religious songs and learning simple dance movements in Dancing including, bending, stretching and moving to a beat.</p>
Indonesian	<p>This term the topic is Transport. Students will learn to speak, read, write and pronounce Indonesian vocabulary related to transport.</p>

STAGE 1 TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework given out	Indonesian – Mrs Galea Science– Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Galea and Miss Stevenson		Banking PE - Dance Fever (Sports Uniform to be worn)	Homework Due Library Borrowing Sport (Sports Uniform to be worn) Assembly

Student Expectations: Students are expected to follow the stage and school rules at all times. This term we will be focusing on what it looks like, sounds like and feels like to be a focused and ready learner.

Attitude: Students are expected and encouraged to have a positive attitude towards school and class work. They are always encouraged to do their best and to have a go.

Behaviour: Throughout the day there are quiet times to allow students to work to the best of their ability. Respect, honesty and trust are emphasised in the class – not only for staff and parents of the school but also themselves and other students.

Responsibility: Students are encouraged to be self-reliant and to be responsible for themselves, their learning and their belongings. This includes looking after their property and the property of the classroom. The students are encouraged to label all their belongings at the beginning of the year. The students also need to be aware that they are required to take responsibility for their actions and the consequences of these actions.

Homework: This will be given out on **Monday** and is to be returned to school on **Friday**. Children should spend at least 10 minutes on their homework work each night and 10 minutes reading. They will be given a matrix of activities, children are to select 1 writing and 1 maths task each week. This is to be completed in their homework book. They will also have a spelling activity sheet to work through.

Home Reading Books: Home reading books will also be sent home and are to be returned only when your child has read their book. You are asked to listen to your child read **each night** and complete the Reading Record (in their homework folder) to give some feedback. **It is expected that your child will return their Home Readers at least three times every week unless your child is reading above L25.** Books that are sent home, will be ones the children should be able to read independently, therefore they may be a few levels below what they are reading in class.

Library Borrowing: Students will be taken to the library every Friday to borrow library books. It is essential students bring their library bags to school so they can borrow. Children will be permitted to borrow the following weeks once they have returned their books.

Please Note:

- Absent Notes – please ensure a note is sent in to explain absences from school within **7 days of absentee**. For legal purposes, the school must have this in writing.
- Concerns – if you have a concern about your child, please arrange a meeting time with the class teacher by contacting the school office or sending a note in with your child to the class teacher.
- School **starts at 8:55am** and all children are expected to be on the lines at this time for our morning gathering. If your child is late for school, you will need to go to the office and complete a late slip.

We look forward to a wonderful term of learning,
 Mrs Huntington, Miss Barrak and Miss Fajloun.