Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a very busy term. Everybody is looking forward to NAPLAN, but remember it is one test on one day and isn’t a reflection of Year 3 work for the year. At the end of this term reports go home and parent interviews are held. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment. At midday, each day the school stops to pray, it is a time to forget the busyness and spend a few minutes with God. Between Easter and Pentecost the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus. This prayer recognises Mary as Queen of Heaven and focuses on the Resurrection of Her Son.

Save the Date!

Thursday 5th May: Excursion to Australian Museum
Friday 6th May: Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea
Tuesday 10th May: NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 11th May: NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday 12th May: NAPLAN - Numeracy
Monday 16th May: First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Thursday 26th May: Excursion to Old Government House
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Jesus Shares his Gifts. In this unit, students consider how other people use their gifts in service of others. Also studying how Jesus used his gifts in ministering to others. Finally students propose ways they and others can use their gifts in service of others.

Our second unit is The Sacraments of Initiation. It is a major focus for the term investigating the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This term some of our Year Three students will also be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation.

English

We will continue with a focus on comprehension strategies in Reading and other Key learning Areas. The Writing focus this term will be on persuasive, imaginative and informative texts and the language and structure that children need to use. We will be looking at a variety of Aboriginal literature that link with our History unit. Mrs Brackenbury will continue to work with a small groups of students.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term areas covered will include multiplication and division including working with money in real life situations. We will also focus again on place value, the position of numbers on an open number line and the justification for their placement. We will also begin investigating time, fractions and decimals, data and patterns and algebra. Miss Pirovic will continue to work with small groups.
History and Geography

In the History section of this unit, we look at who lived here first and what we know about them. The students will be taking part in a hands-on Aboriginal experience at the Australian Museum. We will be looking at what our local area was like and how it has changed, this will also include an excursion to Parramatta Park and Old Government House. We will look at the role that people of diverse backgrounds have played in the development and character of the local community. The Geography section of the unit includes the physical features of Australia, the states and territories and the scared sites within Australia.

Creative Arts

Our Creative Arts lessons will incorporate Aboriginal style art. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore on each alternate Wednesday.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on the topic Keeping Safe and Healthy. This topic explores how children can keep safe in different environments and with a variety of substances around the home.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing skills needed for team activities.
General Information

Monday: Library borrowing
Wednesday: Sport and Music alternate weeks
Friday: Homework needs to be returned on alternate Fridays.
Homework for Week 1 will be about each child's personal history.
Homework in 2 will be NAPLAN style activities.
There will be no homework in Week 3 due to NAPLAN testing.

All Students are taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and are encouraged to read a variety of books.

This term, students will be bringing home a reading book every day. This book must be returned daily for their group activities.

Could you please ensure that your child has pencils, a rubber and a glue stick.

REGINA CAELI

V: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R: For Christ, your Son and Son of God, alleluia
V: Has risen as he said, alleluia
R: Pray to God for us, alleluia.
R: For the Lord has truly risen,

LET US PRAY
God of life, You have given joy to the world
By the Resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord AMEN

Amen.