Welcome

Welcome back to term 4.

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

There is a lot in store for us in term 4! All students will be participating in the Swimming Program in weeks 8 and 9, we have the Christmas Story later in the term and of course the swimming carnival in the last week of school!

Many things to do, much fun to be had!

Looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Mr Jones, Mrs Massey-Hale and Miss Dooley.
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 ‘Mission: Witnessing and Proclaiming Jesus throughout the World.’ In this unit students will develop their understanding and appreciation of Christian mission as a sharing in the mission of Jesus.

Our second topic is ‘Advent – Why me?’ In this unit students will explore the Readings of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In exploring the readings students will see that Mary responded to God’s call in faith and love and they are challenged to do the same.

Our third topic is ‘The Season of Christmas’. In this unit, the students will study the solemnities and feasts of the season of Christmas and its place within the Church’s liturgical year.

English

This term our English unit will be focused around Fairy Tales and Fractured Fairy Tales. Students will be exploring different Fractured Fairy Tales throughout the term and attempting to create their very own Fractured Fairy Tale!

Throughout the term we will be undergoing a novel study of the book ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.’ This is an imaginative book and will assist in the creation of the students’ own Fractured Fairy Tales.

Grammar will be linked to the text types and include nouns, verbs, conjunctions, present tense, adverbial phrases and modality. Children will read a wide variety of books and will be read to daily as well as being given time for independent reading.

Mathematics

During Maths this term warm ups will be based around number patterns counting forward and backwards from any given number in any intervals. Place value, estimation and rounding off will be a focus in whole number. The four operations will be covered each term involving money, measurement and decimal notation. Multiplication and Division will be based around the use of mental and written strategies to multiply and divide three and four digit numbers by one digit numbers. Fractions and Decimals will be focused on the comparing and ordering of fractions and decimals as well as the conversion of common fractions and decimals. We will also be focusing on Patterns and Algebra, Position and Capacity.
Science and Technology

History and Geography were covered in terms 2 and 3 so consequently will not be covered this term.

History and Geography

The Science and Technology unit for this term is ‘More Change Matters’. Within this unit students will explore the relationship between solids, liquids and gases and how these are present in our everyday lives. We will also explore different changes in state of materials and how these are used to produce well known products.

Creative Arts

The children will have drama lessons with Mrs Taylor on alternate Tuesdays.

In class, our Visual Arts program will focus on perspective and using it in our art work.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on the topic ‘Making Decisions about Drugs’ where students will investigate and explore two essential questions:

How does alcohol and cannabis affect my body?
What influences my decisions about drugs?

5B will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on alternate Tuesdays, 5G will have PE lessons every odd week with Mr Jones. We will also have sport sessions on a Thursday in which we will focus on developing skills participating in a variety of games using co-operative skills and strategies.
General Information

5B sport day will be Tuesday and Thursday.

5G sport day will be odd Tuesdays and every Thursday.

Our Library day has changed to Fridays after recess.

Homework will be handed out each Friday, and due the following Friday. This gives students the opportunity to complete homework on the weekend if time is short during the week. It consists of activities covering most Key Learning Areas as well as social and research activities. We will be continuing to use edmodo as our system for handing in homework and grading it. Any questions about it please see Miss Dooley or Mr Jones.

Homework will continue to be distributed online (students who do not have Internet access will be given a paper copy). Homework should take no longer than between 60 and 90 minutes.

Children are expected to read every night. Please encourage them to borrow books from the library to inspire them to read a variety of books.

YEAR 5 AGREEMENTS

Grade Rules

This year the students formulated these rules that we aligned our school, Carmelite and Mercy values of safe, respectful, justice, compassion and dignity.

1. Act safely
2. Appreciate yourself and others
3. Be fair and responsible
4. Be considerate and help others
5. Represent yourself and others