Welcome

Welcome to Year Five.

Your teachers this year are Mr Jones (Mon, Thurs & Fri) and Mrs Worsley (Tuesday & Wed) in 5 Gold and Miss Dooley in 5 Blue.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children.

OUR PRAYER

God our Creator,
You provide food for our minds,
And your love for our hearts.
Bless this fruit we share as a symbol of the time and friendship we will share in the coming school year.
Be with us now and forever.

Amen.
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 ‘Lent: A Time for Reconciliation.’ In this unit, the children will study the Parable of the Prodigal Son and will use this to explore the topic of reconciliation.

Our second topic is ‘Easter Triduum: Way of the cross. In this unit students will study and celebrate the events of the Passion of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels and celebrated on Good Friday.

Our final topic for the term is the ‘Easter Season: Follow Me.’ Students will deepen their understanding of what it means to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and the importance of the Easter season.

Throughout the term we will have opportunities to learn formal prayers as well as be involved in informal prayer and Eucharistic celebrations.

English

This term, weeks 1 -3 will focus on the whole school topic ‘OLMC is the Ideal School.’ Students will discuss, discover and construct classroom expectations and goals. This will build children’s knowledge and skills for the ‘on demand’ writing in week 4.

Our writing focus this term will be on Imaginative and Persuasive texts in preparation for NAPLAN. Spelling will focus on strategies involving plurals of words and common spelling rules.

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. Length and Area will also be a focus in which we look at finding the area of regular and irregular shapes.
Science and Technology

Our Science & Technology topic for this term is ‘Energy and Light.’ The unit allows students to research and explore everyday experiences associated with the transfer of light and requirements for the transfer and transformation of electricity.

The unit focuses on how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity and how science knowledge is used to inform personal and community decisions.

History and Geography

History and Geography will not be covered in Term One to allow thorough investigation of our Science and Technology topic.

Creative Arts

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

In class, our visual arts program will focus on our Science topic ‘Energy and Light,’ as well as our Religion topic ‘Easter Season.’

The children will explore variety of artworks, artists and techniques.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on the topic Fit for Life which explores healthy and active lifestyles and personal choices.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on alternate Tuesdays. 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

Our sport day will be Tuesday and Thursday. Our Library day is Thursday.

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.

Children are expected to read every night. Homework should take no longer than between 60 and 90 minutes.

Time management needs to become a focus for children in preparation for NAPLAN. Time them for an activity so they can develop a sense of what a particular time period ‘feels like’.

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