Welcome

Welcome to Term Four in Year 5.

This is a very exciting term for Year Five apart from all the work we need to do!

This term school leaders for 2016 will be discussed and decided.

We also have swimming and will be preparing for the Christmas Story.

Semester Two reports will be sent home towards the end of the term.

Our school community is currently praying the Rosary daily.

It is a time for communal prayer where we stop and take a few minutes to pray to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

There is a copy of the Hail Mary for you to use at home.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

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 Mission. In this unit, students will develop their understanding and appreciation of Christian Mission as a sharing in the mission of Jesus.

Our second topic for the term is Advent: Why Me? In this unit, students explore the nature of discipleship as loving service in obedience to God’s will. Students will examine the features of Mary’s response to the Annunciation.

Our Last Unit for the term is The Christmas Season. 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 a major focus will be on reading particularly comprehension. Our writing focus will be on Imaginative texts in the form of Descriptions. Spelling will focus on strategies for spelling words more accurately and common spelling rules. Grammar will be linked to reading and include the grammatical features relevant to the imaginative texts being developed. Children will read a wide variety of texts linked to our Science unit 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 including fractions and decimals and the mastery of the times tables. Our main areas for development will revolve around progressing with work on place value in Whole Number and involve the four operations, as well as Fractions and Decimals. We will further investigate Position, Volume and Capacity, Time, 3D Shapes, Data and Chance using our Project Based Learning approach.
Human Society and Its Environment

Not covered this term.

Science and Technology

In Science and Technology lessons this term we will be exploring the topic “More Change Matters” This focuses on observable changes in states between solids and liquids. The unit has a component to allow for experimentation and we will also link this unit to the properties of materials in the home. Children will have questions for you to answer about the observable properties of materials and how this influences their use.

Creative Arts

The children will have Dance lessons with Mrs. Taylor on alternate Thursdays.

In class, our Visual Arts program will focus on Advent and Christmas art and craft.

We also need preparation time for our participation in The Christmas Story.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Weeks 8 and 9 the students will be attending daily swimming lessons at the Aquatic Safety Training Academy in Seven Hills.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on Thursday. Our PDPHE unit is Making Decisions about Drugs.

We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing skills participating in a game of Cricket, using co-operative skills and strategies.
General Information

Our sport days are Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework will be done during the week and returned to school each Friday. 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 30 and 45 minutes. If more time is taken, stop and sign what was done within this time frame.

Please help your children to work independently on their homework this semester and get them to get their bag, stationery and books organised for school each day.

Please ensure your child has all the necessary stationery in their pencil case ready for the beginning of Term 4.

Some Important Information

During this term, children will be receiving camp notes for next year with all the information that you need to know. Please return these notes to school by the due date as the centre has strict requirements that we need to meet.

YR 6 T-SHIRTS

A note will also be going home if you want to order a Yr 6 T-shirt for next year. These are not compulsory but again we ask you are aware of the dates so shirts will be delivered at the start of term 1, 2016.