Welcome to Term Three in Year 5.

Reports were distributed and parent interviews held at the end of Term Two. As semester two begins children are working on the recommendations in their report or from discussions during interviews.

This term you will be receiving NAPLAN results and these will also impact on your child’s teaching and learning.

Our school community will be continuing to say The Angelus each day at noon. We stop our work for several minutes and focus on God in our lives regardless of how busy we all become.

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The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

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 Faith Communities in My Local Area. It is a time to find out about our parish and its history, the ministries involved and significant places in our Church. We also discover other Churches in our area and how they are similar/different to our own Catholic religion.

Our second topic for the term is Living the Message of Jesus. How do we live like Jesus in our lives? What was it that He told his disciples to do?

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

English

This year a major focus will be on reading, particularly comprehension. Our writing focus will be on persuasive and informative texts. 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 persuasive texts being developed. Children will read a wide variety of texts linked to our HSIE 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. The four operations will be covered each term involving money, measurement and fraction and decimal notation. Our main areas for development 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 investigations of length, area, mass and angles using our Project Based Learning approach.
Science and Technology
Not covered in Term Three.

Human Society and Its Environment
In HSIE we will focus on investigating ‘Australia: 1880-2015’.

The Project Based unit allows the children to investigate the impact significant events (eg setting up of colonies, the Gold Rush, migration, etc) from different times and the impact it has had on developing Australia to be the place it currently is.

The unit also looks at Australian Government and democracy.

Creative Arts
The children will have drama lessons with Mrs. Taylor on alternate Thursdays.

In class our visual arts program will focus on the art of Andy Warhol and poster work of various artists used to entice us to watch movies.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on the topic Growing and Changing. This unit looks at the development of the human body and includes a human sexuality component. The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Nick Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing skills participating in a game of basketball, using co-operative skills and strategies.
General Information

Our library borrowing day is Monday.
Our sport day will be 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 and books organised for school each day.

What's Happening this term?

OLMC Feast Day Mass
Friday 17th July

Staff Development Day
Monday 20th July

Year 5 Mass, 9:00am
Friday 7th August

Father’s Day Breakfast, 8:00am
Father’s Day Mass, 9:15am
Friday 4th September