Welcome to Year 1 Term 4!

Welcome back to Year One! Mrs Orlando, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Hale are looking forward to another exciting term of learning and fun!

Last term we visited Wentworthville Library. The Librarian read us stories and we got to explore the many books the library has to offer.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child, in an environment that continues to promote quality education whilst strongly upholding our Mercy and Carmelite values and traditions.

Save the Date!

**Library**
Library Borrowing is every Monday.

**Sport**
Our sport days continue to be every Wednesday and Friday.

**Homework**
Homework folders are to be returned every Friday and Reading folders need to be returned daily.
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 the focus is on Jesus’ sharing and caring for others. The concept of mission is introduced as being like Jesus through caring and sharing in a loving way for people in need.

Our second unit is Advent: “Getting Ready for Jesus”. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, as students and their families get ready for the coming of Jesus each Christmas.

Our third unit is Christmas: “Celebrating Jesus’ Birthday”. Students explore and deepen their knowledge of key people and events described in the Infancy narratives. Students’ appreciation of Christmas as a time when their families and parish community thanks God for the gift of his Son.

English

This term a major focus will be on reading and developing comprehension strategies. The students will be involved in talking and listening tasks in context to the big books we will be reading over the term. The students will bring home their guided reading books every night to practice reading. Our writing focus for the term is on description and explanation texts. The students will take part in a range of learning experiences that will allow them to read, write and listen to stories.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term students will focus on efficient counting strategies and counting by numbers on and off the decade. We will also continue to focus on addition and subtraction strategies, multiplication and division, as well as other areas such as fractions, patterns, area and mass.

We encourage you to continue counting with your child at home, focusing on 2, 5 and 10s off the decade.
Science and Technology and Human Society and Its Environment

Our integrated Science & Technology/Human Society & Its Environment unit is called “Sounds of Celebrating”. This term we will be investigating where light and sound is made and the different ways we can make sound. We will be exploring how sound could be made louder and softer and the different actions we could use to make sound, such as blowing, striking and shaking. Students will also be listening to the different sounds from around the world, exploring cultural sounds and instruments used by these cultures.

Creative Arts

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will be putting together a variety of art works that integrate with our Key Learning Areas. The focus will be on smooth and rough textures.

The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore on Wednesdays.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on ways we can protect ourselves.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on Wednesdays. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.
General Information

**Levelled Readers**- We have a number of Readers that have not been returned since Term 1. Unfortunately incomplete Reading packs may impact on the selection of books during our reading time and for other students in our school. We kindly ask that you search your homes for any school books and return them as soon as possible.

**Spelling Test Fridays**- Thank you once again for all your time invested in helping your child learn their sight words. Spelling tests for this year will conclude in week 5. No spelling tests will take place beyond this point.

**Change to Sport Timetable**- This term class Sport will take place on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday. Please ensure your child is dressed in their full sport clothing on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term.