



Term 3 Parent Newsletter

Year 5/6

Welcome to Term 3, 2022

Welcome back to another exciting and very busy term. We are pleased to have Miss Zara Pearson join our Year 5/6 area, teaching in Room 11 on a Tuesday as well as PE on Thursdays. We look forward to all the fun and excitement this term has to offer and sharing in your children's learning.

Classroom Routines

Each day students are able to have fruit break in the morning block. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle into the classroom. This is only to contain water and nothing else. Students' recess is stored in the classroom/ or students' bags. Student lunches are placed in lunch tubs and stored in the cool room located in the canteen. Students can order their lunch through the canteen via the School Stream app.

Students are required to place their personal phones and smart watches in the green bag in the morning. This will be sent to the front office for the duration of the school day and collected prior to home time.

Specialist Days

Library borrowing: Friday

Performing Arts: Thursday with Mr Derrick

AUSLAN: Thursday with Ms Siobhan Taylor

Physical Education/Health: Thursday with Ms Zara Pearson and Mr Steven Lyons

Digital Technology: Wednesday with Ms Kathryn Fisher

Uniforms

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform including the correct footwear, socks and school hat. The only jewellery students are able to wear are plain studded earrings, a simple cross on a plain chain necklace and/or a watch. Nail polish is not permitted. Hair accessories must be school colours. Please support us in our endeavour to adhere to our uniform guidelines, which can be found in our Parent Handbook or school webpage.

Homework

All weekly homework is assigned on a Saturday via Google Classroom and due the following Friday. It consists of Spelling, Reading, Writing, and Mathematics tasks. Students are encouraged to read a minimum of 20 minutes a night. Students will be provided with a



homework book to use. Homework expectations have been clearly outlined to students. Although we encourage students to complete homework tasks, we understand the importance of quality family time and outside of school hours activities. That being said, homework is an agreement between you and your child: students will not be penalized for not completing their set homework.

Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) (Years 4-6)

After two terms having the privilege of owning their own devices we are looking for children to take more responsibility for making sure their devices are fully charged before they come to school each day. However, your assistance in reminding them of this to ensure they have all the opportunities afforded them would be greatly appreciated.

School Camp Week 4 Monday 8 August- Wednesday 10 August

We are all set for this year's school camp to Bachelor Outdoor Education Camp. Outdoor learning provides a framework for students to experience guided, integrated learning across the curriculum in natural environments. Students will have the opportunity to gain unique and specific benefits from outdoor learning. As well as promoting teamwork, respect for others and leadership opportunities, the children will be developing skills and understanding of natural environments and promoting the sustainable use of these environments.

Contact Us

Your child's learning and well-being is our priority! We are always happy to meet if you have any questions or concerns. However, we ask that unless it is urgent, that all matters are discussed after school as the mornings can be busy preparing for the day ahead.

It is preferred that you arrange a meeting time if the matter needs to be discussed in depth.

The most direct and effective way to contact us is via email:

Room 16: michele.jia@nt.catholic.edu.au

Room 11: clare.nolan@nt.catholic.edu.au or zara.pearson@nt.catholic.edu.au

Year 5/6 Curriculum Overview

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English:

This term in English, we will be focussing on purpose, audience, interpreting, and analysing persuasive text. Children will be able to listen, respond and present to further develop their speaking and listening skills. This ties in beautifully with the upcoming Public Speaking Competition being held in our school in Week 9 at our school.

Our Literacy activities will have a strong focus towards Sustainability and Laudato Si'.

We continue to follow the sequence of the spelling program Sound Waves.

Within a Literacy Block Children will complete independent, small group and whole class tasks throughout the term, accompanied by their home reading for enjoyment. This Literacy Block is a specific targeted set of activities based around *The Science of Reading* research and approach.

Mathematics:

This term in Mathematics students will continue to develop their problem solving abilities through our Back to Front Mathematics approach. The areas we will focus on include:

Number and Algebra:

- Place Value of Decimals
- Fractions & Decimal

Statistics and Probability:

- Chance
- Data & Graphing

Religious Education:

This term students will be completing three units of work for Religious Education. The first unit is Prayer and Sacramentality. This unit will focus on analysing how everything that exists can be seen as sacred and a sign of God's love and presence. They identify how Catholics around the world are united in a prayer tradition and in the Gospel readings of the liturgical cycle. The next unit will be Moral Life. Students will explore how various sources of wisdom guide their conscience and identify how Christians are called to be in solidarity with those suffering injustice. To finish the term our final unit will be our Made in the Image of God unit.



HASS:

Students will learn about light refraction, electrical circuits, states of matter, and the scale of the solar system through hands-on experiments and experiences. Using inquiry skills and investigating how human endeavour leads to our knowledge and understanding and appreciation of the scale and complexity of their world.

Science:

Students will be exploring Earth and Space science this term. Students will develop their understanding that Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the Sun).

Digital Technologies:

In Digital Technologies this term, we will be delving into the program Makers Empire. This is a 3D program that will allow students to explore different functions as well as create their own 3D masterpieces. We will specifically be looking at the Oceans of Trash challenge course.

Through purpose-made video content, students explore the importance of the world's oceans to our planet's health and learn about some of the issues impacting our oceans. In response to these videos, the students will partake in quizzes and relevant design tutorials. The Challenge Course concludes with a design-thinking project, which challenges students to design a new invention for keeping our oceans clean and healthy.

Physical Education:

This term students will be focusing on the sports of AFL, touch football and softball. We are lucky enough to have a coach from AFL NT visiting our school for the first four weeks and teaching the students the skills needed to play Australian Rules Football. Following this unit students will learn and play touch football and finish off the term with softball. This will give the students a chance to continue to build their catching, throwing and striking skills.

If your child is unable to participate in PE sessions for any reason please send a note or email to zara.pearson@nt.catholic.edu.au

Auslan:

This term, students will continue to fingerspell the alphabet, names and words for signs they do not yet know or uncommon words that do not have a sign attached to them. They will use high-frequency signs and learn the importance of facial expression and gestures when communicating in Auslan. Students will learn how to ask and answer questions and sign simple sentences about feelings, food and everyday school/play/home routines and activities.



The Arts:

This term, students will learn about dances from Asia. Students will learn about traditional and contemporary dances from India, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Japan and Korea. They will learn about why these dances are performed and how they are important to the people of that country. They will also learn how to be respectful audiences as they watch movements and costumes that are outside of their culture. They will also learn some of the movements from the dances of each country.

Keeping Safe: Child Safeguarding Curriculum:

Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse

Topic 1: Privacy and the body

Topic 2: Recognising abuse

Topic 3: Cyber safety

Making Jesus Real:

Making Jesus Real (MJR) is centered around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all people around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values. At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, MJR is not seen as an 'extra thing' to 'do'. It is a values based philosophy, it becomes 'the way' we do all things. MJR filters through everything we do and say during the course of any given day. MJR aligns with the school Religious Education curriculum and Values Education/ Wellbeing/ Social Emotional Learning.

Our themes for this term include:

- Be a Defuser not an Escalator
- Generosity
- Happiness and inner piece
- See the goodness in others
- Honesty and Trust
- Listening Skills
- Growth Moments
- Friendship
- Coping with disappointments in life

Term 3, 2022 Calendar *Please refer to SchoolStream for times and full event details.*

Week Liturgical Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1 July 17th Sunday Ordinary Time	18 No School Staff Professional Development Day	19 <i>Students resume</i>	20	21 Welcome back Coffee Morning	22 Darwin Show Day Public Holiday	23/24
2 July 18th Sunday Ordinary Time	25	26 National Tree Day	27 School Board Meeting	28 P&F Gathering	29 100 Days of School Assembly led by Transition Room 7 & 8	30/31
3 August 19th Sunday Ordinary Time	1 Picnic Day Public Holiday	2	3	4 Year 4 Camp		6/7
4 August 20th Sunday Ordinary Time	8 <i>Feast of St Mary MacKillop</i>	9	10	11	12 Defence Family Gathering Assembly led by 5/6 CN Room 11	13/14
5 August 21st Sunday Ordinary Time	15 <i>Andrew Chin Visiting Whole School Mass Feast of the Assumption of Mary</i>	16	17	18 P&F Gathering	19 P&F Movie Night Assembly led by 4/5 GL Room 9	20/21 Sunday: P&F Family Portrait Fundraiser
6 August 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	22 T-2 Athletics Carnival	23	24 School Board Meeting	25	26 Book Character Dress Up Parade Assembly led by 3/4 SF/KF Room 14	27/28
7 August 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time	29 <i>ISA Appreciation Week</i>	30 Parent/Teacher/Student Goal Setting Interviews	31	1 P&F Father's Day Stall	2 Father's Day Liturgy led by 1/2 Rooms 5 & 6	3/4
8 September 24th Sunday Ordinary Time	5 R u Ok Day?	6	7 <i>Early Childhood educators day</i>	8 St Mary's Feast Day & School Art Show	9 PUPIL FREE DAY	10/11
9 September 25th Sunday Ordinary Time	12	13	14	15 P&F Gathering	16 Year 6 Public Speaking Competition	17/18
10 September 26th Sunday Ordinary Time	19 <i>School Officer's Appreciation Week</i>	20	21 School Board Meeting	22	23 Assembly led by 3/4 KC Room 13 Last day of term	24/25