



YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER - 2017



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Our theme for Integrated Studies this term is Sustainability, with a focus on climate change and natural disasters.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

26th - First day for students
ANZAC service (11am)

MAY

3rd - Community Mass
9th - NAPLAN Begins
12th - Year 2 Assembly
19th - Mazenod House Day
26th - National Sorry Day
31st - Three Way Interviews

JUNE

5th - WA Day Public Holiday
6th - Pupil Free Day
9th - Year 5 Assembly
16th - School Mass (9am)
23rd - Year 4 Assembly
29th - Reports Online (pm)
30th - Last Day for Students

WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO!

We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and hopefully had the opportunity to spend quality time with your family. Rest and relaxation plays a big part in growth and success and we would like to thank you for the support you continue to provide at home.

Our students worked hard and produced some outstanding work in term one however term two is going to be a particularly busy time. NAPLAN begins in week 3, we have three way interviews in week 6 before our final assembly for the year is held in week 7.

This newsletter outlines most aspects of our learning for the term however, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact us by email or make an appointment to meet through the office.

We are very excited to be back and we can't wait for the term ahead.

Mr Naden & Miss Thomas

LITERACY

* Narratives

* Reports



Students will closely examine the features of narratives and identify successful techniques to use in their own writing pieces. They will learn how to add detail to their writing in order to describe characters and settings and engage their audience.

They will write their own 'disaster' themed narrative and work towards creating an interactive story, complete with sounds and moving images.

Students will also focus on report writing during the term. They will write a detailed report on a natural disaster as part of their Integrated Studies work.



Our major numeracy focus for term two will be on measurement. This will include working with different units of length and mass, as well as calculating time and measuring angles. Students will work on a measurement project involving the construction of their own dream home created to scale!

During M.A.I lessons, our place value topic will conclude in the next few weeks, and students will then move on to addition and subtraction work during week 4.

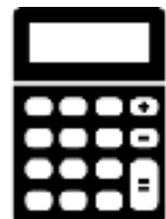
Our whole school focus on times tables will continue throughout the year.



NUMERACY

* Measurement & Time

* Geometry (Angles)





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- * The Church Community
- * Relationship Restored

Students will examine the beauty of creation and how Jesus taught his followers about prayer. They will write their own 'creation' prayers and wonder why Jesus gave them the Sacrament of Penance. Through this sacrament Catholics restore their relationship with God after they sin. Through this sacrament also, Catholics follow the steps to reconciliation with God.

Students will wonder at God who created people for community. They will look at the example Jesus showed in his community and how he began a special community, the Church, to help people draw on the help of God. Students will identify ways to play an active role in their own community.



During our Sustainability topic this term, students will be immersed in the work of geographers as they consider how the data that they collect helps to inform sustainable actions. They will investigate the impact humans are having on the planet and learn how this impact causes natural disasters. Students will also discover how the environment changes the way we live, work and play after a disaster.

Students will create a project based on a Natural Disaster and work as part of a small group to plan and perform a 'sustainability' documentary for the whole class.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

- * Sustainability



NAPLAN Testing : 9th May - 11th May

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR NAPLAN:

Here are some practical, common sense strategies to assist your child during NAPLAN:

- * Make sure your child gets a good night sleep during the testing week.
- * Having a healthy breakfast helps your child have the energy to focus throughout the day.
- * Please make sure they do not feel extra pressure about the test - this is not helpful as it just causes unnecessary anxiety.
- * It is most important that your child arrives on time for school (otherwise this too can cause stress for a child).

You Can Do This!
TEST-TAKING TIPS

REST zZZ
nom nom **EAT BREAKFAST**

PREPARE know the facts

FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS Use a No. 2 Pencil

SKIP IT if you don't know an answer come back to it at the end

STEADY PACE BE NEAT not too FAST or too SLOW

CHECK YOUR WORK

RELAX do as well as you can!



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