



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We have hit the ground running in what will be a busy time, a highlight being the Christmas Nativity in Week 9 which is performed by the Kindergarten students.

Below is an outline of our planned learning for this term. As usual we have included the community events that are pertinent to our Kinder families at the end of this letter.

### **Religion**

In Religion the students will be learning about Jesus, his family and friends. They will develop an awareness that Jesus is the Son of God and the qualities of a good friendship. In the second part of this Unit students will explore the religious significance of Christmas.

### **English**

In Literacy we will consolidate the letters and sounds introduced earlier this year and are moving towards reading and writing CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words e.g. fit, fat, red, rid, rat, etc. as well as word families. We will continue to focus on blends and word endings.

Regular sustained silent reading and writing activities will continue as well as structured guided reading and purpose based groups.

During writing a major focus will be on punctuation particularly identifying and using capital letters and full stops correctly.

This term our Speaking and Listening activities will involve role play. We may call on parents to provide us with items to facilitate these role play opportunities (e.g. café/restaurant, zoo, vet, etc.).

We are continually monitoring the progress of the students and this may involve your child's reading level changing or a new group of sight words being sent home. ***Please be mindful that students should be bringing home books that they are capable of reading and comprehending confidently.***

We encourage the practise of sight words together with letters and sounds on a daily basis to build children's confidence and recognition.

### **Mathematics**

The concepts that we will be investigating this term as part of the mathematical strands are; Number, Statistics and Probability and Measurement.

Some concepts covered this term will include:

- Representing practical situations to model addition and sharing.
- Answering yes/no questions to collect information and making simple inferences.
- Using direct and indirect comparison to decide which holds more.
- Sorting, describing and naming familiar 3-dimensional objects in the environment.
- Describing position and movement.

### **Integrated Unit – Health and History**

This term we will be completing our Integrated Unit, *Fairness and Friendship*, that we commenced in Term 3. This unit explores the importance of students in their first year of school understanding how to make and keep friends.

We will then move onto Personal and Family Histories where students will look at their own family, the structure of families past and present in Australian history.

### **Physical Education**

Sport days for Term Four will continue to be **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Our focus for Term Four will be Traditional Indigenous Games. During Health lessons students will be looking at how they can identify situations that help them remain safe.

### **The Arts**

The Visual Arts program will focus on shape and how students use different shapes to create and appreciate artistic works.

### **Homework**

Homework will continue as it has in previous terms. Your child should be completing his/her home reader each night and practising his/her sight words. Homework should not be any longer than 15 minutes per night. Please ensure that homework folders are returned every day to allow the swapping of readers. Homework folders are collected on Friday for marking.

### **Library, Italian and Music**

Kindergarten will be involved in Music and Library on **TUESDAY**. Italian classes will take place on **MONDAY** for Kinder Assisi and **THURSDAY** for Kinder Padua. We strongly encourage students to bring a library bag to participate in borrowing each week.

### **WWVP Permission**

Any parent who is able to assist in the classroom is always welcome however it is a requirement of the ACT Government that all persons working (or volunteering) with vulnerable people in schools and similar organisations have approval to do so. All teachers, support staff and parent volunteers working with children, (who are considered vulnerable people under section 28 of the Human Rights Act 2004), are required to apply for a working with vulnerable people (WWVP) card. Parents who do not have this approval and identification will not be permitted to work, even voluntarily within the school. WWVP permissions do expire. If you already hold a WWVP card, please check the expiry date and have it renewed. For new applications and further information please visit <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au>

### **Notes**

If your child is absent (including half day absences) please provide a written note on his/her return. **This is a legal requirement.** Alternatively, you can make use of the Skoolbag app. Phone calls or emails are not sufficient. **We require a written note with your signature.**

***Just a general reminder to please label all items of clothing and personal items with your child's name and class so that if they are lost they can be returned to you.***

**Important Dates for this term:**

Please refer to the school newsletter or website for any changes or updates. Please note these dates pertain to Kindergarten events only. Please refer to the school calendar for other important dates.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Fire Engine Visit to School (Fire Safety Talk)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Catholic Mission Assembly (9.00am)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder/Year 6 Mass at St Anthony's Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	P&F Movie Night & Fair
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Liturgy (10.30am)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Grandparent's Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Constable Kenny Koala – Road Safety Talk (2.00pm)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School Disco
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Kinder Nativity (9.00am)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Italian Travel Expo
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Candle Ceremony
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term

Kind Regards,

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