Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term Four. We have hit the ground running on what is a fast and furious term and hope that the information in our term letter is beneficial for you during this busy time. A brief overview of our Term Four program is as follows:

**Religion**
This term our unit is *Church as Community*. Students will be encouraged to recognise the ways we show love as a community and distinguish the features of the Church building that mark it as a sacred space. They will learn to describe the ways in which believers gather in the Church to pray and celebrate various rituals. As with all of our previous units this year they are based on our Diocesan curriculum, *Treasures New and Old*.

**English**
In term four we will continue to focus on further developing students’ literacy skills. Please continue to read with your child every school night. We will have two writing foci for this term, persuasive text and poetry. Handwriting will continue to be developed through regular practice and we will continue to support their phonemic awareness through the use of SoundWaves.

**Mathematics**
Our Maths units will continue to follow the Archdiocese Mathematics Framework. This term our five units will include:
- Connecting with numbers: Developing confidence with number sequences from any starting point and investigating and describing number patterns.
- Shapes in my environment: Recognise and classify two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects using obvious features.
- What are the chances?: Identify outcomes of familiar events involving chance and representing data with objects and drawings. Describing the displays.
- Financial Literacy: Recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.
- Planning for Christmas: Recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.

**Science Unit**
We will continue with our Science unit this term on Light and Sound as students understand how light and sound can be sensed, communicated and observed. They will examine a range of sources that produce light and sound by knowing that science involves asking questions about the world around us and using it in their everyday lives.

**Integrated Unit**
Our Integrated Unit will incorporate Geography, Science and English this term. Students will examine the observable changes that occur in sky and landscape (Earth and Space science) whilst looking at the weather and season of places and the ways in which different cultural groups describe them (Geography).
**Sport**

Sport days will continue to be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Students will be participating in the second part of our Gym Fun unit (the gross motor program which was implemented in the first term). We will also be focusing on Indigenous games and how they are played. This term for Health we will continue to develop students’ resilience using the Bounce Back program. We will also be looking at a safety unit as part of Health.

**The Arts**

Students will be exposed to artistic opportunities that will allow them to explore ideas, experiences, observations and imaginations to create visual artworks and design. This unit will include a Christmas focus towards the end of the term.

**Homework**

Homework will be distributed on Tuesday afternoon and we ask that it is returned to the classroom teacher each Monday. Homework will not be sent home in Week 7 (Family Week) or Week 10 (last week of term). Homework this term will continue with the recommendation that students complete their reading log and spelling words on four separate occasions over the course of the week. In addition, we have included a homework grid (for both English and Mathematics) which allows students to select one task from each grid to be completed each week. Students should ensure that their parents sign and date their homework tasks when completed.

**Library, Italian and Music**

Library, Italian and Music will continue for Year One students on **WEDNESDAYS** this term.

**House Keeping**

- Children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit for fruit break each morning. We will continue to slinky apples for students and ask that students bring a donation of 20 cents for our Project Compassion Box.
- Other fruit that is brought in needs to be consumed easily and quickly and should take no more than 10 minutes to eat. If you can assist us by providing pre-cut items that would be most appreciated.
- Please remind your children about which foods they should be eating at recess and lunch.
- Reminder that children must have a hat for outside play each day.
- Every child should bring with them a bottle of water.
- If your child is absent (including half day absences) please provide a **written** note with date on their return.
- If you have any concerns of questions at any time please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher by either phone or email.

**Dates for your diaries**

Week 3 – Friday 28th October – Year 1 Assembly (afternoon)
Week 4 – Friday 4th November – Grandparent and Special Visitors Day
Week 5 – Tuesday 8th November – Year 1 Excursion to Questacon
Week 5 – Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day Liturgy (morning)
Week 7 – Friday 25th November – Ride/Walk to School Day
Week 9 – Friday 9th December – Christmas Nativity (Kinder) and Reports go home
Week 10 – Monday 12th December – Thanksgiving Mass

Kind Regards,

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