Grade 3/4 Term 2 Overview

Literacy
In Reading, the children will continue to develop their reading skills, by working on whole class, group and individual based activities, relating to the comprehension and analysis of texts. Oral presentations to the class will also be a focus. In Writing the children will be focusing on narrative and persuasive texts in preparation for NAPLAN. We will then move onto scientific report writing to link with our Inquiry unit.

Religion
In Religion we will explore the unit ‘Our Parish Community: The Holy Spirit in Action’ The children will examine how the Holy Spirit is active in people through the gifts they have been given to love and serve others. In our second unit ‘Living the Law of Love’, we will examine the need for love and respect of ourselves and others. The children will explore how we experience God’s love and forgiveness through the sacrament of Penance and our relationship with others.

Mathematics
In Mathematics the children will continue their preparation for NAPLAN, focusing on how to process questions and calculate responses. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the four processes paying particular attention to addition and subtraction with regrouping. In the area of Measurement, we will focus on time, length, perimeter and area.

Inquiry
Our Inquiry unit this term focuses on Science. It looks at how matter is divided into the categories of solids, liquids and gases. We focus on the different forms of heat, how heat can be transferred and the affect heat has on matter. We will explore the scientific processes of hypothesising, testing, evaluating and reflecting on our experiments. In conclusion we will consider the affect science has on our choices and actions in everyday situations.

The Arts
In Music the children will be encouraged to maintain a steady beat whilst listening, singing, chanting and moving to music. They will increase their knowledge of musical instruments by learning to identify different instruments after listening to a piece of music. In Art this term, the children will further develop their understanding of Pop Art and become familiar with the influence and connection advertising and media has on this style. Artists such as Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein will be used for inspiration.

Bounce Back
In the first half of this term for Bounce Back we will be exploring ‘Bullying.’ We will be focusing on strategies to deal with inappropriate behavior and looking for the good in others. In the second half of the term, we will focus on ‘Cyber-Bullying’

Special Events
Excursion to Sunshine Fire Station 1st May
Mothers’ Day Mass 9th May 11:45am
Grade 3/4K Mass Friday 2nd May 9.00am
Science Incursion Day 6th May
Grade 3/4D Mass Friday 23rd May 9.00am
Sacrament of Penance June 12th 7pm

Remember, if you need to speak to us for any reason, please feel free to pop in, or email us: Dorian- dorianac@stalbion.catholic.edu.au
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PE
The 3/4 children are developing ball control skills with a variety of ball sizes, leading to modified versions of basketball, bat tennis, soccer and cricket. Many of the Grades 3 – 6 students are participating in the cross country training squad.

Italian
This term we will be exploring different landmarks in Italy. We will be listening to the story of “La Macchinetta Rossa” and follow his adventure describing our mums.