**Literacy**

In Literacy we will focus on persuasive texts. The children will read and analyse these texts as well as create their own. We will encourage all students to develop and extend their passion for reading and writing and give them skills to respond to texts in creative ways. The children will also have many opportunities to develop their communication skills.

**Religion**

In Religion we will explore the development of the Catholic Church in Australia and the ways that we can use our skills to serve our diverse community. Our second unit will take a close look at Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We will also begin to prepare the children who are making their Confirmation for this very special Sacrament.

**Maths**

We will begin the year by refreshing number and place value knowledge and extending these skills so that the children have a solid understanding of large numbers and the ability to use them in many operations.

**Inquiry**

This term, Inquiry lessons will explore Australia in the 1800’s with a focus on the development of the colonies and the effect that these events had on the Indigenous people. We will discover the ways that Habits of Mind can be used to make learning, reflecting and goal setting more effective.

**Bounce Back**

Our Bounce Back unit will focus on Relationships and getting along effectively with others. These are excellent skills to develop, especially when starting in a new classroom and welcoming new students to our school!

**The Arts**

This Term, we will develop a variety of performing arts skills, giving the children opportunities to develop music, dance and drama skills. In Art with Judy the children will be exploring and experimenting with colour theory as well as studying the work of an Australian artist.

**PE/Italian**

In PE with Laurie the children will learn the skills of the summer interschool sports—cricket, basketball, bat tennis and soccer. They will also participate in soccer and tennis clinics and get ready for Twilight Sports. In Italian with Sandra the children will be covering everyday and classroom phrases, numbers to 1000 and Easter traditions in Italy. They will be also be learning about San Valentino - St Valentine.

**Special Events**

We will participate in Interschool Sports every Friday and, later in the term, start preparing for camp, which is very early in Term Two. Twilight Sports will take place on the 27th of March and is a very exciting time for all the children, especially our sports captains!

We will help students to work out the strategies that work best for them and encourage them to take control of their learning. These skills are important for all areas of learning and life.