Welcome back to what will be a busy, fun filled term full of lots of learning. There will be many highlights in the year for Grade 3/4 including Camp (in Term 3), Reconciliation (Term 2) & Eucharist (Term 3) for the Grade 3 children.

**Literacy**

In Reading, the children will be working in their LAP guided reading groups completing tasks that focus on decoding strategies and comprehension skills according to their needs. In Writing the children will be using ‘Writing Seeds’ to encourage and promote creative writing in a variety of genres.

**Religion**

In Religion we will explore prayer in the unit ‘Meeting God Through Prayer.’ The children will examine different ways of praying and growing in their relationship with God. In our second unit ‘Alleluia He is Risen’, we will examine how we can prepare ourselves for the event of Easter, which is the most special time in the Church’s year.

**The Arts**

In Music the children will continue to learn songs, create actions for them and make a response to them. They will be taught the ‘Nutbush City Limits’ dance and listen to stories which are told by music. In doing so, they will be asked to determine the mood of the music that is used.

In Art there will be a focus on painting, drawing and collage where children will develop a deeper understanding of monochromatic, complimentary and harmonious colour schemes. Pop art will be introduced through the study of artworks created by artists such as Andy Warhol.

**Mathematics**

In Mathematics we will focus on Angles, Symmetry and Graphing. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of Place Value into the hundred thousands and will continue to work on the four processes paying particular attention to addition and subtraction.

**Inquiry**

Our Inquiry unit this term focuses on History. It looks at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first inhabitants of our country and at Australia as a nation with many states which have unique symbols, celebrations and identity.

It looks at Victoria as our special state, which is made up of many cultures, all helping to shape our communities. We will explore how each culture celebrates their beliefs and identity in their own unique way.

**Bounce Back**

This Term for Bounce Back we will be exploring ‘Success.’ Our focus for the unit will be Multiple Intelligences, where we will learn about our preferred learning styles. We will learn that we all learn in different ways and that people have different strengths.

**PE/Italian**

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. This involves running to and around Selwyn Park twice a week. The team of 24 will be selected in late March and will go to More Park to practise the course on Thursday, April 24, in preparation for the interschool cross country on Friday, May 2.

This term in Italian we will be focusing on greetings and presenting some information about ourselves to the class. We will be learning some simple classroom phrases that we use every day. Our Easter unit will be focusing on the story of Fra Martino.

**Special Events**

- **Beginning of the Year Mass:** 14th February
- **School Photos:** 26th February
- **Pancake Tuesday:** 3rd March
- **Ash Wednesday Mass:** 4th March
- **Twilight Sports:** 2nd April

Remember, if you need to speak to us for any reason, please feel free to pop in, or email us:

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