

# 2/3 TERM 1 OVERVIEW, 2017

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## READING

The children will continue to take part in small Reading Groups that will target their individual needs. The children will be mixed across the 2/3 year level so might have a different teacher for their focus group. We will read different narratives and investigate the structure and features of them. The children will read information texts to support their learning in Inquiry.

## MATHS

The children will consolidate their understanding of place value and apply these skills to solve addition and subtraction problems. They will practise breaking up numbers in a variety of ways. The children will collect, order and add money values. They will begin to calculate change up to five dollars. The children will collect data and create graphs that accurately represent it. They will interpret graphs and make justifications.

## WRITING

We will learn about the structure of explanation texts and practise writing our own. We will explore the vocabulary used and apply this to our writing pieces. We will also learn about persuasive texts focusing on developing valid arguments as well as providing suitable information to support their ideas. We will monitor the children's handwriting and practise the correct formation of letters.

## INQUIRY

Our Inquiry unit is a Science based unit. The children will be investigating how life on earth involves cycles of change. With a focus on the cycle of day and night. They will explore how all living things are affected by night and day. The children will research nocturnal animals and investigate how being active at night help them survive.

## RELIGION

Our unit will focus on how we can all develop a closer relationship with God. We will explore concepts of forgiveness, healing, making good choices and respecting others. As a year level, we will be supporting and assisting the Grade 3's to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The second half of the unit will focus on the Season of Lent including Holy Week and Easter.

## WELLBEING

This term we will continue participating in Bluearth. Bluearth is a resilience program that assists children in dealing with their emotions through different physical activities such as games, yoga and tai chi. These sessions will be followed up in class with activities & discussions. The children will participate in Bluearth on **TUESDAYS**.

## SPORT

The 2/3 classes will be learning the skills of basketball and soccer. RecWest will provide four weeks of basketball clinics. The last four weeks of the term will be soccer clinics with Sport Education Development Australia (SEDA).

## ART

This term students will discover more about colour theory with an emphasis on tone. They will experiment with mixing and creating tints and shades of a base colour. The focus artist will be Geoffery Ricardo with students creating artwork influenced by the observation and discussion of his works.

## PERFORMING ARTS

The children will explore the elements of dance, by practicing and creating dance choreography. They will use voice, facial expression movement and space to develop performances. They will sing and play instruments to improvise, compose and practise songs.

## ITALIAN

We will be revising how to greet one another and ask each other simple questions. As St Valentine was an Italian saint, we will be learning the history of Valentine's Day and completing some fun activities in Italian. We will learn how to count to 30 in Italian and play some number games. As part of our Easter unit, we will be listening to the story of Fra Martino.

## IMPORTANT INFO & DATES

Ash Wednesday Mass: March 1st @ 9am    2/3K Assembly: 3rd March

Other Dates for your diary (Grade 3 only): Reconciliation 8th March @6pm  
First Communion 13th August @12pm, Camp 4/5/6th September

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