

# Grade 3/4 Term 1 Overview 2017

## Literacy

In literacy students will be exposed to a variety of different texts. They will develop a deeper understanding about the structure of persuasive and imaginative texts. They will read and compose persuasive texts focusing on the elements of persuasion. They will investigate spelling strategies and apply them to their writing. They will develop reading strategies such as making connections, predictions and visualization to assist them when comprehending a text.

## Religion

This term we will be investigating “Why are relationships important in our faith Community?” The children will explore the value of friendships and the gift of community. We will be focusing on the story of the Prodigal Son as we learn about the Sacrament of Penance and that God forgives us when we are sorry. Using the story of the Good Samaritan children will understand how exclusion disrespects human dignity and the common good. They will investigate how scripture shows us that God values relationships and community. They will develop an understanding about how Baptism is the sacrament of initiation for the Catholic faith.

## The Arts

In **Performing Arts** the children will use their imagination and creativity to explore the elements of music using voice, movement and instruments. They will develop compositions and choreography to express and communicate ideas and intentions to an audience. They will devise their own drama performances by exploring character and improvisation.

In **Art** throughout the experiences of working within the areas of painting, drawing and sculpture students will broaden their knowledge of colour theory, texture form and balance. They will become familiar with local artist Geoffrey Ricardo and his unique and diverse art style.

## PE

In Phys Ed the 3/4B students are 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).

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## Italian

In Italian we will be revising how to greet each other and ask more complex questions in everyday conversations. 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 our numbers to 100 in Italian and play some number games. As part of our Easter unit, we will be looking at how Easter is celebrated in Italy.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will develop their understanding of number and place value. They will develop their skills in addition, subtraction and apply these strategies to money. They will explore number patterns and they will develop strategies to assist them when solving them. They will be exposed to and solve a variety of worded problems to assist them in developing their ability to problem solve.

## Inquiry

This term we will investigate “How does the local government serve our community?” This unit is based on Civics and Citizenship. The students will investigate the Local Government of Brimbank and the range of services it provides for the community. They will develop an understanding about how the Local Government makes decisions for the community. They will explore why rules and laws are created to benefit and safeguard people. The children will discover that we are all unique citizens within our community and can contribute in numerous ways to enhance society. They will learn that there are many varied community groups in our area. They will develop an understanding that Citizenship entails people contribute to making a difference to the community in various ways.

## Well being

Through the Blue Earth program, the children will enhance and develop their physical abilities to support social and emotional growth and enhance left/ right brain development on order to assist with their learning.

We will use a variety of programs such to support the development self-awareness, resilience and personal development.

## Special Events

Ash Wednesday Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Peace Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Sacrament of Penance – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March @ 6pm  
service followed by supper in Multipurpose room

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

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