**Specialist Subjects**

**ITALIAN:**
This term, we will be focusing on the Regions of Italy. We will be focusing on the geography of Italy and what some of the regions are famous for. In our Christmas unit, we will be looking at traditional Italian festivities.

**ART:**
The children will continue to work with threads and textiles and will have the opportunity to learn and experiment with some simple stitching techniques such as running stitch, hem stitch and button sewing.

**SPORT:**
In addition to preparing for Twilight Sports, the children will be developing skills in some of the sports that involve hitting—cricket, tennis, badminton and table tennis. Our Swimming program will again be conducted at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre from 5th-14th November. December will be spent preparing children for interschool sports that will begin next year.

**MUSIC:**
The children will listen to stories which are told by music. They will be asked to respond to the music and to determine the mood of the music.

**Inquiry/Bounce Back:**
This Term our **Inquiry** and **Bounce Back** units will work side by side and link closely together. For these units we will be exploring the idea of a holistic approach to our health and well-being. The question we will be exploring is **“What affects our health and safety?”**

Our understandings for the unit will be:
- People develop and change at their own pace.
- Many factors contribute to our personal health.
- It is important to assess and make decisions on possible hazards that may be harmful to ourselves and others.
- There are many people and services in our school and local community that contribute to our well-being.
- Our well being depends on our ability to control our emotions and behaviour.

**Literacy:**

**In Writing** the children will be focusing on letter writing. They will reflect regularly in their Inquiry Journals. The main piece of writing for the term will be a narrative that conveys a health or well-being message. In **Reading** the children will continue to strengthen their skills in inferring and locating evidence in different text types. They will explore messages expressed in different books.

**Maths:**
In Maths we will begin with multiplication and division and identify the relationship between the two operations. Throughout the term we will work with the four operations (+, -, ÷, ×) to work with money. The children will collect, interpret and create graphs on data. We will explore time to the minute and experiment with volume and capacity.

To support your child at home, think about how you can incorporate some of these Maths skills into your daily lives. For example working out the change when going shopping, or telling the time to the minute until dinner is ready.

**Religion:**
Our first unit for the term will focus on Mary as a faithful Disciple. The unit will focus on how Mary showed her trust in God. The children will be given opportunities to identify ways in which they can be disciples. Our second unit will be our Christmas unit. The children will explore the Nativity Story and reflect on the importance of God in their lives.

**Important Dates:**
Keep an eye on dates in the newsletter as Term 4 is a busy!

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** 28th Oct
**No School:** 3rd & 4th Nov (Melbourne Cup)
**Swimming:** 5th-14th Nov (8 school days)
**Art Show:** 19th Nov
**Twilight Sports:** 26th Nov
**End of Year:** 17th Dec

**Masses:**
- **Parish Healing Mass** — 17th Oct @ 11:30
- **End of Year & Graduation** — 16th Dec

If you have any interest or skills in any of the areas mentioned, please see or email Kathryn or Dorian as your assistance and expertise is always appreciated.

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