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Term 1 2019 Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Finbar's learning community. Below is an outline of the content that Kindergarten will be studying throughout Term 1.

Religious Education

The units of work studied in Religion are based on the Sharing Our Story program, developed by the Parramatta Diocese. During Term 1 we will be covering:

- God loves Me
- Lent: From Ashes to Ashes



English

A structured Literacy session will occur each day. During this time the children will be actively engaged in activities that are appropriate to their ability. Learning sessions will include:

- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading Groups
- Independent Reading
- Read aloud (modelled reading)
- Speaking and Listening tasks
- Modelled, Shared and Interactive Writing
- Independent Writing



The focus for Term 1 is Imaginative writing.

Library day will be on Wednesday. Your assistance in reminding your children to bring their library books in a library bag is appreciated.

Mathematics

A structured Maths session occurs each day. The session will consist of a warm up, rich task and reflection. The following areas will be studied this term:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Place Value



History

Unit: Me and My Family

This unit focuses on the students' backgrounds, past experiences and memories, and on the important people in their lives. It provides opportunities for the students to compare themselves with others in their class and with people from different places and times. This unit also explores the importance of telling family stories as a way of keeping memories alive.

Science and Technology

Unit: Material World

This unit develops the students' understanding of the properties of objects used in the school environment.

Through investigations, students develop skills of observing, describing, comparing and communicating. The unit provides opportunities for students to explore, through hands-on activities, what things are made of in the school environment and the properties of the materials used to make them.

Creative Arts and LOTE

We are very fortunate to have specialist teachers that work with each year group in the areas of Visual Arts, Dance and Drama (Mrs Frazer), Music (Mr Komorowski), and Japanese (Miss La Porte). This term our specialist program will be:

Weeks 1-5 Visual Arts and Music

Weeks 6-11 Performing Arts and Japanese

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

This term the students will participate in the Dance Fever program. The focus will be Gymnastics. The students will also be taught Gross Motor skills on a separate day.

Sports Uniform is required on Wednesday and Friday.

Me and My Mates

Students will learn about the changes they have gone through since birth; how family members work together, how to build friendships and why we need rules to build successful relationships.

Homework and Communication

Reading is the priority homework task. Students are expected to read their home reading books each night to an adult. Students will take home readers that are *below their class guided reading level* to ensure the books can be read with minimal adult support and will allow students to work on fluency and expression.

Any remaining time should be spent on Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Login details have been sent home to every student in their reading diaries. Home readers are due on Mondays and new texts will be sent home the same day.

All emails need to be sent to the school's central email address: stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au . The emails will then be forwarded to the class teachers.

In Summary

- Please remember in the case of an absence from school to write a note for the class teacher's attendance roll including the date, child's name, reason for absence and your signature. This may also be done through the Skoolbag app.
- School uniforms will be worn Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Sports uniform will be worn Wednesday and Friday.
- Home readers and reading diaries are due every Monday
- Library day is Wednesday
- Please continue to keep a spare pair of underwear and socks in your child's school bag for the remainder of the year. If they have an accident at school they will change their clothing and the dirty items will be sent home in a plastic bag in their school bag.

Kind regards,

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