

YEAR 3/4 NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6, TERM 3

FROM THE CLASSROOM

As we enter Week 6 of the term, it's exciting to reflect on the wonderful experiences our students have had so far. We've enjoyed our Book Week incursion, the P & F disco, a STEM excursion, and the SW Science competition. Our students have also been taking excellent care of our stick insects, embracing their classroom jobs with enthusiasm, and showing great initiative.

Looking ahead, we have many more exciting events to look forward to, including Book Week, TREE talks, the Primary Winter Sports Carnival, and swimming lessons.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information about what's happening in the classroom, please feel free to reach out.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 21st Aug: Book Week Parade

Thur 22nd Aug: Open Night

Friday 23rd Aug: Primary Winter Carnival

Wednesday 28th Aug: Father's Day Liturgy

Friday 30th Aug: Catholic Day

Week 8: Swimming Lessons

Thursday 12th Sep: Regional TREE Talks

ENGLISH

Spelling

Over the next few weeks the students will be learning about words with silent letters in them. We wonder how many words the students already know. Maybe you could have a chat at home about words with silent letters and see how many you can think think of as a family.

Writing

In Week 2, the students excelled in their cold task on elephants, showcasing strong informational writing skills. As we move forward this term, we are excited to let students choose topics they are passionate about for their upcoming TREE talks, where they will develop their own informational texts. This approach aims to boost engagement and allow students to explore subjects that interest them.

Reading

We have been extremely fortunate to have Miss Cybula join our class this term. As a result of this we have been able to have double reading sessions and we have been impressed with the student's progress. Thank you Miss Cybula for your time and we will miss you when you return to K/P. Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging as much reading as possible to allow for students to reach their accelerated reader goals.



RELIGION

For the rest of the term, we will continue learning about the sacrament of Reconciliation, focusing on Jesus' teachings for living our lives well. We will emphasise:

- Loving and respecting friends and family
- Being kind to others
- Using good manners
- Listening attentively
- Apologising when needed

HASS

History

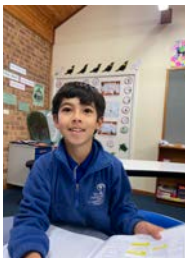
In History, we will be learning about places of interest in Pemberton. Both for tourism and for the everyday life of the townsfolk and outlying farms. The children will compare and contrast life in Pemberton now, compared to life in the past. The children will reflect on any improvements they would like to see happen in the future.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning to measure and record different aspects of weather over time for our location, for example rainfall, by making a rain gauge, temperature and wind. We will also be learning about how to monitor and record this over a period of time, to see if any patterns emerge.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES

This term we will be continuing to investigate all things Earth and Beyond and use this knowledge to collectively create a futuristic planetscape in our technology and Creative Schools' lessons. We will be using inquiry skills to learn about the different features on planets such as Mars and compare this to our knowledge of natural features on Earth. Year Three students will be experimenting with different modes of heat transfer.



MATHS

Number and Algebra

Year 3 students have been delving into multiplication, focusing on multiplying by 10s and 100s. Next, we'll tackle multiplying by two-digit numbers with regrouping before transitioning to division. It's going to be a busy and productive few weeks ahead!

Measurement and Geometry

For the remainder of the term, the students will begin exploring capacity. They will then turn their attention to identifying and classifying 3D shapes and their properties.

SPORT

We have been preparing for the Winter Carnival, working on our hockey, soccer and netball skills. I am sure the students will enjoy the day on Friday, and represent St Joseph's with pride. This term we have been having some volleyball sessions with an expert from Volleyball WA. Students will continue these sessions for several more weeks, with a focus on setting, passing, serving and match play.

HEALTH

For the beginning of this term in Health, students will be learning about needs versus wants and recognising safe and unsafe secrets. We will be concluding the term with a cyber safety unit looking at media classifications and sharing information online.



HASS

Heading into Week 6, students are wrapping up their creative geography booklets, where they've focused on a continent of their choice. Next, we'll delve into exploring environmental roles for people and animals, examining diverse perspectives on environmental protection and sustainability. It's an exciting transition from creative projects to impactful discussions about our world.

This term in Civics and Citizenship, students are researching local government services like libraries, health care, parks, and waste management. They will soon create posters to showcase their findings and explore how 'rules' and 'laws' shape our community and daily lives.

SCIENCE

This term in Digital Technology, students have had a great time learning about algorithms, repetition, and branching. They've enjoyed creating their own branching systems and Scratch Junior games. Later in the term, students will have the chance to showcase their knowledge by designing and creating their own games.

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HEALTH

For the beginning of this term in Health, students will build on their knowledge of power in relationships and explore more examples of when this power is abused. They will also look at privacy and the body, including revising the correct anatomical names of body parts. To end the term students will learn about cyber safety and sharing information online.

RELIGION

Students will be learning about positive relationships and strategies to resolve conflict. We will then move on to discuss the teachings of Jesus, with a focus on how Jesus taught his disciples to treat people. Students will explore the Sacrament of Penance and the develop their understanding of forgiveness and healing as part of Mass. Finally, we will discuss how we can maintain healthy relationships in our lives.

SCIENCE

This term in Biology, students have explored Australia's diverse range of animals, including endangered species, their unique features, and their habitats. Towards the end of the semester, we will combine this knowledge to create a project on an animal of their choice.