



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 4 STUDENTS TERM 1, 2020 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Welcome back for the new school year and a special welcome to our new students Mikail, Tamille and Abigail. We are both very excited about the year ahead and we are looking forward to all the learning that will be undertaken in Year 4 this year. This overview will provide a brief description of our foci and curriculum for Term 1.

Curriculum Overview

English/Literacy

We will focus on independent reading, student/teacher conferencing, writing blocks and modelled lessons on grammar, handwriting and spelling using our new Soundwaves K-6 programme. We will also be doing Literacy group rotations twice a week which will begin Week 2. Our text study this term is Biography/ Autobiography & Information report.

Maths

Number and Algebra	Measurement and Geometry	Statistics and Probability
Recognising, representing and ordering numbers to tens of thousands Applying place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to tens of thousands Multiples of 3,4,7,8,9 Multiplication facts up to 10x10	Converting between units of time, using 'am' and 'pm' notation and solving simple time problems.	Select and trial methods for data collection, including survey questions and recording sheets Construct suitable data displays, with and without the use of digital technologies, from given or collected data. This will include tables, column graphs and picture graphs where one picture can represent many data values.

Inquiry Unit - 'Who we are' The identities and abilities of people make them unique.

In this unit the children will explore how it is important to respect the identities and abilities of others and recognise how these make each of us unique.

Essential Questions

- What are my abilities that make me unique?
- How can I share my abilities to have a positive influence on others?
- How can we respect the identity and abilities of others?

Religious Education – 'Significance'

Understandings: Jesus the Jew & first century Jewish worship

Early church in Australia

Making meaning of teachings from the parables

Prayers of petition & meditative prayer practices from the Christian tradition

STEM: Digital technology and Science

Library

Borrowing library books, ICT skills, cyber safety, guided reading and research skills.

Creative Arts

Music, Visual Arts, Drama

Health and Physical Education

Physical Education: Soccer, Hockey and Athletics.

General Information

Homework

St Bede's Homework Policy encourages Year 4 students to participate in **no more than 30 minutes of homework per night**, 20 minutes of that time should be dedicated to reading. Homework is a **flexible** opportunity for students to practise skills learnt in the classroom, to communicate learning between home and school and to provide an opportunity for students to explore further in their learning.

Communication

Classroom teachers are the best first point of contact for classroom and learning issues. Should you need to speak to us about any concerns we are more than happy to do this, as communication is key to our school and home partnership. Some discussions need time and our full attention, thus we do ask that you make a time to meet or phone us (a message can be left with Linda and we will return your call as soon as possible). Conversations are difficult to have at line up time or as we are going into class. For some **less urgent and less serious** issues email may be an option. Email responses will be on weekdays. Please allow 24 hours for a response to emails. **We kindly request that you address any notes and emails to both of us to ensure that we know what is happening and we are both in the loop around any issues pertaining to your child.**

Contact details are: michelle.mangeruca@cg.catholic.edu.au cathy.ryan@cg.catholic.edu.au

ICT/iPads

Students will be invited to bring their iPads to school as soon as they have returned all the relevant permission notes and their signed user agreements as per school iPad policy. It is then expected iPads come to school fully charged each day for class. Each child should have a set of kid safe headphones to use in class.

Special Days of the week

Sport - Tuesday and Friday
Library - Monday
French - Tuesday
STEM - Wednesday
Music - Thursday

Classroom Teachers:

Mon/ Tues: Mrs Mangeruca
Thur/Fri : Mrs Ryan
Wednesday: Odd weeks -Mrs M
Even weeks-Mrs R

Library: Mrs Mihalopoulos
Music: Ms Moores
French: Madame Sood
STEM: Mr Macintyre

Dates for your diary

Week 2: 13/2 Opening Mass @ 12pm
Week 3: 18/2 Swimming Carnival
19/2 Hockey Clinic Yrs1-6
21/2 Awards
Week 4: 25/2 Shrove Tuesday
26/2 Ash Wednesday Mass@1pm
Week 6: 19/3-12/3 3 Way Conversations
11/3 Athletics Carnival
13/2 Awards Assembly
Week 7: Sabbatical Week
17/3 Soccer Clinics K-6
Week 8: 24/3 Soccer Clinics K-6
30/3 School Photos
31/3 Soccer Clinics K-6
3&4 Expo / Open Classrooms
Awards Assembly
Week 10: 7/4 Soccer Clinics K-6
9/4 Stations of the Cross
Last Day of term.

Upcoming dates to note:

Year 4 Camp @Birragai Term 2 Week 5
First Eucharist : Term 3 Week 9.

