YEAR 5  CURRICULUM OVERVIEW  TERM 1

Religious Education

Our Story: Both modules explore the concepts of service and respect for others.

Sacraments of Service – This module invites students to reflect on the sacramental understanding of service in community. This understanding calls all baptised Christians to serve others without distinction. Whilst recognising the baptismal call of all to serve, this module focuses on the Church’s two special ways of doing so. One way is taking on a vocation as a married person, and the other as a bishop, priest or deacon. In this module, students will explore these sacraments and the call to serve community that they embrace.

Lent to Easter – In this module, students will explore the purpose and potential of the Lenten practices of almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Students will be encouraged to reflect on Lent as an opportunity for conversion, not just as a temporary measure but as life changing. They will also study key Gospel accounts of incidents during Jesus' passion and death which demanded decisions of Jesus and others.

Parent Tip: Discuss with your child what you did during Lent when you were at school.

English

English is integrated where appropriate across all aspects of learning.

Speaking and Listening & viewing - There will be regular opportunities to practise speaking in front of an audience and deliver speeches. The students will have the opportunity to watch Behind the News (a children’s news program) and deliver a 2 minute speech based on one of the news segments.

Reading - The students investigate books of the author Emily Rodda. They will engage in guided, shared and independent reading sessions.

Writing: The written types of texts focus is on narratives and persuasive texts. The students are encouraged to examine the features of the texts and write independently using modelled writing scaffolds. The students complete spelling activities in class and for homework. We aim to build on each child's existing spelling knowledge and to expand their vocabulary.

Parent Tip: Take the time to listen to your children read. You might like to ask some questions along the way.

Mathematics

Number: Whole numbers, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division number patterns
Measurement: Time, area and length

Following a warm up activity and explicit teaching of the targeted concept, the children will engage with open-ended and skilled based tasks. The lesson concludes with the sharing of reflections and insights.

Parent tip
Be positive about Maths! Express confidence in your child’s ability. Invite Maths into your everyday world, for example: Let them measure when you bake.

Conceptual Learning Focus

Our World This unit has been designed to help deepen the students’ understanding of how natural phenomena may change the surface of the Earth and the environment. The students will be involved in researching natural disasters. They will have the opportunity to investigate a specific natural disaster which has occurred.

Our Story Students examine key factors that contribute to a balanced lifestyle and keeping safe and healthy through Personal Power. Students assess the safety of situations in the home, school, water and road environments and identify appropriate responses. They describe and practise a range of personal safety strategies that could be used in threatening or abusive situations.