



STAGE TWO

Curriculum Overview, Term One, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2021! What an exciting year we have ahead of us. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. We are having the Meet and Greet in Week 5 so you can tell us more about your child and your shared expectations. Together we can create a supportive and caring learning environment where individual needs are met and nurtured. Please find below an overview of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term:

Religious Education:

The new Religious Education Curriculum has been launched and we are excited to be part of the trial process :

The Learning Cycle for Stage 2 this term is titled "Why do people sometimes do the wrong thing"

The Learning Expectations for this cycle are:

To understand the teachings of Sacred Scripture and Tradition using an informed conscience.

To appreciate our words and actions have consequences in our daily life.

To live our life through the lens of an informed conscience.

Within this unit we will be looking at Lent and the Easter story. As much as COVID restrictions will allow, we will attend a Parish Mass and visits from the priests.

English:

Students will engage in a literacy program, which includes writing & representing, reading & viewing, speaking & listening, handwriting & using digital technology, spelling and grammar, punctuation & vocabulary activities. Students will use their imaginations and creativity to express themselves in visual literacy (eg. picture books) activities using a range of strategies for learning. They will also learn to reflect on aspects of their own work and the work of others.

Mathematics:

This term students will be participating in a wide range of mathematical activities, including open-ended and closed rich tasks, which will focus on developing skills in and understandings of mathematical concepts in the areas of whole number, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, patterns & algebra and length.

Science and Technology: *'The Material World'*. The Stage 2 students will explore the characteristics and observable properties of substances and materials. Students explore how materials can be changed and combined. They explore change of state and investigate how chemicals can be combined and separated. This unit will provide plenty of hands-on experiences for the students.

Creative Arts:

This term in music, Stage 2 will begin their 2021 journey as string players in our "Captive" program strings lessons on Wednesdays with Ms Frazer and Ms Silva. On Thursdays, stage 2

will be developing their understanding of Music Appreciation and discovering new musical artists from past eras, while appraising their musical creations. We will continue developing our skills as singers and players, and notation and rhythm readers during our Thursday Music classes, too. Students will attend Visual Arts lessons with Ms Morley on Thursdays investigating 'Figures it Out'. They will be using elements of art to investigate the human form.

PDHPE. Students will participate in regular physical activities provided by Dance Fever during Term 1. **Therefore we ask that students wear their sport uniform on Friday please.** Our personal development unit is titled "Why is it important to have respectful and inclusive relationships?" Included in this unit is looking at our school pillars of behaviour:

**Love Selflessly
Live Responsibly
And Learn Purposefully**

At Home: Encourage your child to read and write, and provide him/her with different reading and writing material (newspaper, novels, magazines, coloured pens, pencils, coloured paper, a diary and erasers). Students will, at times, also be encouraged to access an on-line resource to prepare them for lessons. Students may also, at times, take schoolwork home for completion.

Extra Information

- This Term Ms Gillespie will be teaching S2W on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11.10 am onwards. This is so that Mrs. Wedesweiler can undertake her work as Religious Education Coordinator across the school.
- Students will have the opportunity to borrow from the Library each Tuesday. We encourage students to borrow two books each week so that they have a book to read at home and a book to read during independent reading time at school.
- "Homework" or "Home Learning" is to be comprised of daily reading (Minimum of 15 min) and, at times, Google Classroom 'Extended Learning Tasks', accessible from home using a specific code. Further details regarding Google Classroom will be shared with your child(ren) later in the term.
- In order to provide the best possible ways of communication between the parent(s) / caregiver(s) and your child's teachers, we encourage you to contact the Office for meeting appointments or you can contact us via our emails:
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To Do 'list':

@Please organise for your child to bring head phones to school to be used whilst working with a Google Chrome book.

@ Exercise books will be sent home as soon as possible. We'd appreciate it if you could please cover them and return to school.

@ The school will supply the necessary stationery for the students but we would like every student to bring a pencil case (medium size) into the classroom to store the stationery.

@ We encourage **Crunch** and **Sip** during lessons but request all fruit and snacks to be supplied in small portions.

Sincerely,

Mrs Angela Wedesweiler, Ms Rose Gillespie and Mr Jan van der Walle

Through Love & Learning

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