Curriculum Information for Term 2 2024 for Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. Please see below the curriculum focus for Term 2 in Year 4. You may wish to use this information to spark conversations with your child regarding what they are learning in school.

In NSW all schools are mandated to teach subjects according to the NSW Education and Standards Authority (NESA) learning areas (subjects). There are six learning areas. This link gives information to parents about the 6 learning areas. Each learning area is weighted differently according to time spent on the subject. In Primary school English is allocated the most time followed by maths. In English all skills are taught daily around texts and writing genres. In other subjects there is often a title to a unit of work to be covered for several weeks or the whole term. As a Catholic school we also teach Religious Education (RE), following the curriculum of the Broken Bay diocese.

Our Religious Education unit this term is 'Writings of the Old Testament.' In this unit we will be thinking about what part the Old Testament plays in the bible by considering its context and content. We will read a variety of writings from the Old Testament, unpacking what we can learn from them and discovering how the lessons have meaning in our lives today.



In 2024 we will be using the new Y3-6 NSW English syllabus with a revised lesson structure that highlights the connections between understanding texts and creating texts. The content is structured and sequenced to highlight the connections across oral language & communication, vocabulary, reading fluency, reading comprehension, creating written texts, spelling, handwriting and digital transcription and understanding and responding to literature.

During Term 2 Year 4 will be focussing on the topics of Argument and Authority throughout the text "Ned Kelly and the Green Sash" as well as imagery, symbols and poetry through the texts 'Bindi" and 'Fire"

The new Maths syllabus for Years 3 -6 recognises the critical importance of developing an increasingly sophisticated understanding of mathematical concepts, and fluency with mathematical processes, to help students interpret and solve problems. In years 3-6, students:

- develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency, while nurturing the ability to think logically, critically and creatively.
- identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships.
- develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills to solve routine and non-routine problems.
- apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions.

Term 2 units of work for maths will include Data, Place-value, Chance, Position, 2.D and 3.D spatial structure, Measurement of Angles, Time and Fractions.

History - Our focus unit is titled <u>Community and Remembrance</u> where students explore the historical features and diversity of their community. They examine local, state, and national symbols and

emblems of significance, and celebrations and commemorations, both locally and in other places around the world.



Creative Arts-

Visual Art activities are based on the History and RE units as well as other themes that occur during the coming weeks. During Term 2 we will be exploring the forms of drawing and painting through the subject matter of Events.

Music, Dance and Drama: There will be music lessons led by a specialist music teacher, Mr Warby. Drama and Dance activities are also integrated into daily topics allowing the students to express themselves through movement.





PDHPE-

This term we will be following our new URStrong program. We will also be learning about "Friendology" and friendships skills as we become a URStrong School this term.

PE - Each week we will have 2 lessons of P.E; "Class Sport" and a P.E. lesson led by our specialist teacher Mrs Frost. This Term sport lessons on Wednesdays.

FRIEND-O-METER!

Year 4 weekly routine

Monday - Homework set

Wednesday - Sport (Wear sports uniform)

Thursday- Library (Please bring your library bag)

Thursday - School assembly-Every 2nd week (even weeks)

Friday - Homework handed in

Music with Mr Warby

PE with Mrs Frost (Wear sports uniform)

Canteen

Our school canteen is usually open on a Monday and a Friday. Please order via the app.

Communication

If you wish to contact me please email <u>alison.jarman@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> or call the School Office to arrange an appointment.