

Curriculum Information for Term 3 2024 for Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. Please see below the curriculum focus for Term 3 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 'Coming to know God.' This module introduces children to the term "Trinity". It will explore what we consider to be the natures of God with which we are in relationship as Father, Son and Spirit through the scriptures and through our lived relationship with God.



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 3 Year 4 will the first English unit will be focussing on the topic of **Characterisation** through the novel "The Callers" by Kiah Thomas. The 2nd unit will explore '**Perspective and Context**' as well as the supporting concept of 'theme' through analysis of the texts, *The Little Refugee* and *We Are Australians*.



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 3 units of work for maths will include **2D and 3D Spatial Structure, Geometric Angles, Time, Fractions, Multiplicative and Additive Relations, Place-value and Mass.**

Science - Our unit is 'Earth, Sun and Space.' This unit focuses on the Earth's surface and how it changes over time. Students investigate natural processes and human activity in order to develop a view in relation to sustainable practices. Students explore the effect of the interactions between the Earth and the Sun.



Creative Arts-

Visual Art This term we will be taking part in the CSBB Religious Creative Arts Competition which this year has the theme of 'Joy". Additional Visual Art activities will be linked to the other areas of the curriculum such as RE and Science.

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-

Our PDH unit this term is titled 'Growing up' In this unit students will describe the physical, social and emotional changes and will identify reliable sources of information available to them to help with managing these changes. (An additional detailed letter has been emailed to parents via Compass with more information). This unit will be primarily taught by Kathryn McCamey and Olivia Windon as they have taken the lead in our PDH units this year.

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 Year 4 will have 'Hot Shots' coaching clinics during class sport lessons on Tuesdays.

Year 4 weekly routine

Monday - Homework set

Tuesday - 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 LunchFox app.

Communication

If you wish to contact me, please email alison.jarman@dbbstu.catholic.edu.au or call the school office to arrange an appointment.