

Year 4 - Term 3 at Queen of Peace

Whole School Focus – ‘Learning about the Environment’

Literacy

In Literacy the children will:

- Create explanation texts, specifically about topics relating to our natural environment.
- Conduct research on specific topics, taking notes of key points.
- Explore texts by Claire Saxby who will be undertaking an author visit this term, focussing on how the author engages the reader.
- Explore how authors/illustrators use visual imagery in information texts to add detail and how they can replicate this in their writing.

Faith Life Inquiry

In Faith Life Inquiry the children will:

- Participate in workshops that focus on a specific area of our ‘natural environment’. Children will then work in groups, sharing and teaching their peers what they have learnt in this area.
- Participate in a local excursion to Truganina Swamplands conducted by a local ranger. Children will be exploring the local fauna and flora in our local swamplands.

Mathematics

In Number the children will:

- Identify and represent fractions, including mixed numbers.
- Make connections to fractions in the real world.
- Identify equivalent fractions.
- Order and compare fraction sizes.
- Make connections between fractions and decimals.

In Measurement and Geometry the children will:

- Use scaled instruments to measure length, area, mass, capacity and temperature.

Specialists

Physical Education: In Term 3, Grade 4 students will participate in a Cricket unit. They will be exposed to the correct technique of batting and bowling. They will also refresh their throwing and catching skills through game scenarios whilst learning game rules.

Music: In Music the children are welcomed back for 2017. They will explore 3 different songs from "The Trolls" movie and compare and contrast the styles, tempo, dynamics and message each contains. The children will become aware and develop their understanding of the varying features of music for different purposes. They will identify features of the music they listen and perform to and discuss the purpose it was created for. They will choreograph some dance steps/movements to the beat.

Italian: In Italian, during term 3, the Grade fours will be investigating the topic of “Food”. Regional Italian dishes will be studied focusing on their history and how they came to be. The children will also look at “Gelato”, its history and origins. Students will be introduced to vocabulary relating to food.

What’s on this term?

- **Queenship of Mary Day**
- **Grade 4 Camp, 2017**
- Girls visit to Mount Saint Josephs College
- Excursion to Truganinna Wetlands

Maths Games

You can support your child at home by playing some of our strategy games, have a look below.

‘Strike it Out’ (Addition & Subtraction)
<http://nrich.maths.org/6589/index>

‘Four Go’ (Multiplication & Division)
<https://nrich.maths.org/5633>

First Communion

“Congratulations to all children who completed their First Communion, Remember, each Eucharist you receive is as special as the first and you are moving closer to God each time.”

–Father Daryl