Year 4 / 5 S

Parent Information Night

2013

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I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child’s mind
And they fashioned it with care
One was the teacher and the tools that were used
Were books and music and art.
One was a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle, loving heart

Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured side by side
And polished and soothed it o’er
They were proud of what they wrought,
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be bought or sold
And each agreed they would have failed
If they had of worked alone
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher stood the home

Anon.
As the teacher of a composite class I will work very closely with both the Grade 4 and the Grade 5 class teachers. Each week children will have the opportunity to learn and work in groups with their corresponding year levels.

Language – Grade 5 will join 5B & 5K on Wednesdays for rotational activities.

    Grade 4 will join with 4B for reading and spelling groups.

Science - Grade 5 will join 5B & 5K on Thursdays for Science.

Art - Grade 4/5S will join with 5B & 5K on Fridays for Art rotations.

Curriculum

Curriculum Implementation

In Semester One we will be planning, teaching, assessing and reporting using The Australian Curriculum - in English, Science and Maths. In Semester Two we will be implementing History.

Planning in all other KLA’s will continue to be guided by the Queensland Syllabus Documents and Planning Tools, as prescribed by the Queensland Studies Authority and Brisbane Catholic Education.

Religion

The new Religious Education Curriculum will be gradually implemented throughout this year. Lessons will reflect the liturgical year, parish and significant feast days. There will be many opportunities for children to participate in formal and informal prayer.

Term 1: Morality – People of Justice. We will be discussing making wise choices, examining the consequences of inappropriate behaviour choices and solving moral dilemmas.

    Lent/Easter  Children will learn about the season of Lent and prepare for the joy of Easter.
**English**

Each term we will cover the strands of English (Language, Literature and Literacy).

**Spelling:** Basic core words, homonyms, plurals.

**Grammar:** Simple and Complex Sentences, Nouns, (common, Proper, collective and Abstract nouns. (Grade 5) and Verbs

**Reading:** Home reading, silent reading in class, guided reading in small groups/Individuals

**Speaking:** An oral presentation for 2-3mins about themselves.

In drama, the children will be producing a group presentation based on an element of The First Fleet.

**Writing:** Recounts, Expositions, This term the children’s main focus will be writing a letter back to England from a convict’s perspective.

**Mathematics**

Each term we will cover the strands of mathematics (Number, Space, Measurement, Chance & Data and Patterns and Algebra). This will be done in a variety of ways. Students will be following the *iMaths* program which will require students to apply their skills through a variety of real life investigations. Students will also be involved in rotational activities using computers, hands on activities and playing maths games. They will be challenged daily with exercises to support their number facts and multiplication skills.

**Library:** Wednesday (Please ensure your child has a suitable library bag)

**P.E.:** Wednesday

**Music:** Thursday
Homework

Homework will reinforce the work done at school and give parents a better opportunity to be involved in what their child is learning about at school. It will be given out and due each Wednesday; giving students seven nights to do the expected four nights work per week. Students in Year 5 will be expected to do;

- 10-15 minutes of reading each night, signed by parent on Reading Log.
- 10 spelling words practiced each night.

Other activities will vary each week but homework will always involve doing some physical activity, practicing multiplication tables, a brief writing task and helping out at home. We will continue to operate with an A and a B homework book and we will issue ‘Freebies’ to students who have completed 6 weeks of homework competently.

Caring Mass

On the third Thursday of each month Year 5 will be involved in the Parish Caring Mass as part of our community service. The Year 5 students will get to know the older members of the parish community and provide a morning tea for the group. They will also have the opportunity to entertain the members of the community with their talents. Grade 5S will join in with 5B which means they will go every second month. Each class will alternate between providing for the Caring Mass in the Church at 9.30 am. We would greatly appreciate any possible help either with providing goodies or joining us on the day. Both classes will host our first Caring Mass next Thursday 21st February.

Grade 5 Camp

The Year 5 Camp to Mapleton is a wonderful experience for all involved. This year we will be at camp from Wednesday 14th August to Friday 16th August. Brave parents are invited to join us and are invited to write a brief letter / email to apply. First in will go, spaces are limited. More details to follow.

Grade 4 Camp

Date: Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April 2013 (Term 2)
(2 days and 1 night)
Where: Brisbane
Price: T.B.A.

A detailed letter will be sent out later in the term.
Swimming

Grade 4 Swimming
Swimming for Year 4 commences in Week 5
  Mon 25th, Tue 26th, Wed 27th and Thurs 28th February.

Grade 5 Swimming
Swimming for Year 5 commences in week 6 (4th, 5th, 6th & 7th March.)
For this to operate we will need parents to help us out. It is only from 1.45 to 2.45pm and any help would be appreciated. Children are to bring swimmers, swimming cap, swim shirts, sandals/thongs and sunscreen to school and have a towel and plastic bag for wet clothes.

Swimming caps are now mandatory.

Parent Helpers

Your help is always welcome in Year 4/5. If you have any skills you would like to share with the whole group please see one of the teachers. As mentioned, help would be particularly appreciated with swimming but also with Maths Rotations on Thursdays 2-3pm, Language groups Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday mornings between 9-10am or Art on a Friday between 12.00 -1.30pm.

Term 1 – Dates to Remember

- Thursday 21st Feb. Caring Mass (both classes)
- 4 -7 March Year 5 Swimming
- Friday 8th March Interschool Sport Gala Day (Year 5’s only)
- Sat. 16th March St. Patrick’s Day/Fete
- 21st March 5B Caring Mass
- Friday 22nd March Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 28th March Last Day of Term 1