**Curriculum Overview**

**Human Society and Its Environment**

**Our Fleeting Past** – Students will study the British colonisation of Australia and its effects on the British settlers, convicts and Aboriginal people.

- **Excursion**: Year 4 will be visiting Elizabeth Farm and Hambledon Cottage on Wednesday 4th March (Week 6).

**Creative Arts**

Visual Art will be integrated with the Human Society and Its Environment.

**Music and Drama**

This term all classes will participate in Music and Drama lessons with Mrs Evans on Tuesday. Students will need their own recorder for these lessons.

**Science & Technology**

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**Sports uniform** – Tuesday and Friday.

**English**

We have a 100 minute Literacy block based on the “Focus 160” diocesan initiative and the Australian Curriculum. The block includes shared reading of a variety of texts as well as guided and independent reading using their home reader. This block also includes modelled and independent writing using different types of texts. We encourage the students to enhance their writing using skills that engage the audience.

**Mathematics**

We have a 60 minute Mathematics block based on the “Focus 160” diocesan initiative and the Australian Curriculum. Our mathematics block includes a **warm up** activity based on Number, an **investigation** task involving one of the mathematical topics (eg. Addition and Subtraction) followed by a **reflection** of their learning during the investigation. The children will continue to develop and revise their understanding of mathematical concepts in:

- Whole number
- Addition and subtraction
- Time
- Position

**Physical Development, Health & Physical Education**

This term all classes will participate in P.E. lessons with Mr Bye and Dance Fever. Children will wear their sports uniforms on the following days: Tuesday and Friday.

The topic for Health this term is ‘Me, Myself and I’.

**Religion**

**Talking and Listening to God.**

In this unit students will be invited to deepen their relationship with God through prayer. They will have opportunities to pray and to learn what prayer means in the life of the Church community.

**Lent Year B – Practices and Promises**

Students study readings from the Old Testament as well as the Gospel of Mark. The theme is making loving choices and taking responsibility for our actions based on the values taught by Jesus.

**Easter Passover: Exodus**

In this unit, students study the Exodus story and its celebration in the Jewish Passover meal drawing upon the experience of refugees and immigrants to Australia.

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All children throughout the school will participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

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