Curriculum Overview

**Human Society and Its Environment**

**First Contacts** – Students will study why the great journeys of exploration occurred and the effect that the explorers contact had on Australia and the Aboriginals. The students will also research what life was like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders before the arrival of Europeans.

**Science & Technology**

Our Science and Technology units are taught based on the new Australian Curriculum Syllabus. The unit *Natural and Processed Materials: Material World* provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of the properties of materials and how they relate to use. Through investigations students explore how to test the properties of materials fairly and how to use this knowledge to choose materials wisely.

**English**

We have a 100 minute Literacy block based on the Australian Curriculum. The block includes shared reading of a variety of texts as well as guided and independent reading using a 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 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 the students’ learning during the investigation. The children will continue to develop and revise their understanding of mathematical concepts in:

- Whole number
- Addition and subtraction
- Time
- Data

**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.

**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 C – A Time for Reconciliation**

Students study readings from the Old Testament as well as the Gospel of Luke. The theme in this unit there is an in-depth analysis of the parable of the Prodigal Son in the context of a study of Lent as a season whose liturgy challenges and invites us to conversion and reconciliation with God and others. Students will interpret the parable’s purpose/message within the context of the Lenten liturgy and the celebration of the sacrament of Penance.

**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.

**Library borrowing** will be on Tuesday with Mrs Crammond.

**Sports uniform** – Tuesday and Friday.