



St Paul's Catholic Parish Primary School
Albion Park

*"In the richness of our Catholic
Faith and tradition
We achieve excellence"*

Term 1 2020 Overview

Year 3



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of Term 1. The following is an outline of the learning experiences your child will be participating in throughout this term.

A Parent Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 25 February 2020** (Week 5) at **6:30 pm in the hall**. After a brief introduction by the Leadership Team in the hall, we will be available to discuss and answer questions in our classrooms. We are looking forward to introducing ourselves on this evening and sharing with you your child's learning environment.

Religion

Throughout Term One the students of Year 3 will engage in two primary units from the Religious Education curriculum.

These units are:

Created by God: A Gift to Share

- Students recognise and appreciate that each person is created in the image and likeness of God
- Students identify how they and others are gifted by God
- Students respond in wonder and praise and give thanks to God for the gift of life

Lent: A Time for Reaching Out in Love

- Students describe how traditional Lenten practices help them grow to be more like Jesus
- Students identify and explain how Jesus acted out of love for others
- Students sequence the events of Holy Week, linking these events to the Gospel accounts of the passion of Jesus

English

During Term One students will engage in the development of literacy through a wide range of experiences. Our reading comprehension focus will be making connections, inferring, identifying differing points of view and visualising. We will be focusing on writing persuasive and narrative texts. We recommend encouraging your child to read a variety of texts such as advertisements, maps, recipes, poetry and narratives that are enjoyable to read or have a specific purpose. Students will be encouraged to record these reading opportunities in their diaries at least three times a week.

Library

Year 3 Red and 3 Blue will have Library borrowing on **Thursdays**.

Mathematics

The teaching of Mathematics will continue to build upon the knowledge your child has developed throughout the earlier stages of their schooling. There will be a significant focus on mental computation and problem solving linking Mathematics to real life situations. Mrs Angela Spaccavento will teach a measurement strand to 3 Blue and Mrs Pollard will teach a measurement strand to 3 Red.

Human Society and Its Environment

Human Society and Its Environment now consists of two components History and Geography. This term the focus will be on History. Students will discover how lifestyle has changed for people in Australia from pre-British settlement to present day with a focus on our local area.

Science & Technology

The students will explore the effect of their actions on the environment and on the survival of living things. They will describe and classify based on observable features.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts will be partly integrated with Key Learning Areas. Students will experiment with different forms of visual art such as drawing, painting and constructing. Mrs Angela Spaccavento will teach Drama to 3 Blue and Mrs Pollard will teach Drama to 3 Red.



Personal Development / Health / Physical Education

Students will be required to wear their sport uniform on a **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY**.

During Term 1 students will be participating in fundamental skill development through activities such as skipping, hopping, catching and throwing. They will also be training for the cross country carnival.

In Personal Development and Health they will be working on The strand *Healthy, Safe and Active Lifestyles*, this focuses on the interrelationship between health and physical activity concepts. Students develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to empower them to make healthy and safe choices and take action to promote the health and wellbeing of their communities. Mrs Angela Spaccavento will teach this unit to 3 Blue and Mrs Maree Pollard will teach this unit to 3 Blue.

Homework

We recommend your child engages in a **minimum** of 15 minutes of reading at least three times per week, of which **two** of these experiences takes place **with an adult listening to them**. Please encourage your child to record these in their diaries.

The students will be completing an at home project this Term. Further details will follow as soon as practical.

NAPLAN DATES:

NAPLAN Testing will take place this year in the following time frame:

Term 2 Week 3 - May 12th - 22nd May.

During Term 1 we will be covering a range of topics to assist with NAPLAN preparation. Your children will require a set of headphones or earphones for the online component of the test. Please clearly label with their name and send them in before the end of Term, they can be stored safely in their tubs, until needed.

A few important REMINDERS

Morning Arrival

Your child is expected to be at school before the first bell at 8:52 am. The second bell rings at 8:55 am. This is when school commences. The front pedestrian gate will be locked at this time. All late arrivals after this time will need to be signed in at the front office.

Absentee notes

If your child is absent for any reason it is very important that we receive a note on his/her return to school, as it is a legal requirement.

If you are going away on a family holiday for more than 3 days please contact the school office, as it is a legal requirement that you fill out an Approval for Exemption from School form. This form needs to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the leave. Once Mrs Rodwell has approved the leave an Approved Exemption from School Certificate will be issued to the student.

Late Arrivals

All students arriving late to school must be signed in by parent/carers

Changes to Afternoon Dismissal in 2020

Based on information received from the school community through surveys, St Paul's will change their dismissal procedures to have students safely and quickly with the parents or carers each afternoon. Please see the below details about the changes.

3:05 pm to 3:10 pm the front gate will be opened. Please assemble in the front playground to collect your child.

Dismissal 1

The following children will begin to move from **3:10 pm**

FRONT PLAYGROUND PICK UP:

All front playground pickups can go straight to their parent or carer. You may leave as soon as you have your child/children. Any remaining children will move to the waiter's area on the handball court nearest the office at 3:15 pm.

BACK GATE PICK UP:

The children will assemble at 3:10pm. The teacher on duty will open the gate. Please remember no student is able to leave the school premises unless accompanied by an adult.

ST JOSEPH'S WALKERS:

Will meet at the front steps. The teacher on duty will give them directions about when to leave.

Dismissal 2

The following children will begin to move at **3:15 pm**

WAITERS:

The waiters will be seated on the handball court nearest the office.

BUSES:

Bus children will move at 3:15 pm and go straight to bus lines.

Complaints Handling Procedures

A reminder - If there are issues arising about life at school and your child's learning, please approach your child's teacher about the problem.

To do this, please make an appointment through the School Office for an agreed time to address the issue. Please do not approach teachers on morning assembly lines on their way to class. At that time they have teaching responsibilities and need to be free to do their best work in the classroom to sustain a positive learning environment.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of that meeting, then make an appointment through the School Office to speak to a member of the School Leadership Team who works with the relevant stage. Due to a number of staff changes late in 2019 we are yet to finalise the details of the Middle Leaders working with each grade. When this is complete you will be notified via Compass.

In the meantime, please contact Mrs Rebecca Nunes (Assistant Principal) or Mrs Julie Ferguson (Religious Education Coordinator) if it is required.

In the event that one of these Leadership Team members are absent the matter will be referred to Mrs Rebecca Nunes Assistant Principal.

Please make an appointment with the teacher and or Stage Coordinator to discuss your concerns. Emailing issues does not always solve the problem, as a meeting will be necessary anyway.

Lastly, if you are still not satisfied with the outcome and feel that it is necessary to speak to the Principal, Mrs Michelle Rodwell about the issue, please make an appointment through the School Office. Your concerns will always be listened to and hopefully problems solved, as we consider the well being of the child as vitally important.

Parent Helpers / Volunteers

All Parent Helpers or Volunteers need to complete either a Working with Children Check Form or a School Volunteers Form. The school requires this before they can assist in the classroom, or with school activities such as the Athletics, Cross Country or Swimming Carnivals. If you have not already submitted one of these forms to us, please contact the office for a form to be sent home to you for completion.

We hope this overview will assist you in participating in your child's education through encouragement and interest in all they do each day at school. We look forward to working with you for the remainder of the year. Your role is vital and so supportive of our partnership as educators of your children.

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