Dear Parents and Carers,

This overview outlines the content that will be covered during this term with your child. It is a great reference to keep somewhere prominent so that you can refer back to it with your child and discuss specifics of their learning. Please don’t hesitate in contacting me if you have any queries or concerns about your child.

Religious Education
- A Community That Celebrates God’s Love
In this unit students will explore the nature and distinctive characteristics of the parish as a Catholic community of Christian people who celebrate, serve and grow in faith and love together. The unit includes a study of the parish church, the ministry of the parish priest(s) and selected parishioners and parish groups.

English
Kindergarten will be involved in activities related to Seasonal Stories. These activities will expose the students to letters and words, reading, writing, talking and listening. Formal reading (Guided Reading; Shared Reading & Modelled Reading) will take place daily. Students will also be involved in daily writing (Modelled Writing; Guided Writing & Shared Writing). Phonetical sounds are taught. It provides practice in reading words (decoding) and producing words (encoding), based on their knowledge of sounds and letters. NSW Foundation Font is explicitly taught in handwriting in Kindergarten.

Students are encouraged to talk to and listen to others. Talking and Listening activities vary to promote various skills, for example, having a simple conversation; speaking to a partner to problem solve; to negotiate and to question. Speaking clearly and actively listening to others are promoted.

Mathematics
In Kindergarten, we implement the Numeracy Now Programme. In Term 3 students are engaged in activities that will develop a deeper understanding and knowledge of Number (Counting; Addition & Subtraction; Place Value) Multiplication and Division (Groups of; Sharing) Measurement (Area & Time).

The students will be involved in exploring these concepts during open-ended activities, which allows for deeper understanding at their own individual levels of mathematical understanding.
Integrated Unit
(Incorporates Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment – HSIE and other Key Learning Areas).

—How do the changing seasons affect our lives?
This unit provides opportunities to explore and develop an appreciation for the wonder of God's creation, with an emphasis on the seasons and how the changes in the seasons affect our lives. They will make connections between the gifts of the seasons and their responsibility to care for creation. Students will work towards making decisions in relation to leisure, food, clothing, safety and hygiene practices according to hot and cold weather. Students will develop an awareness of how to keep self and others healthy and safe in all seasons.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Kindergarten will be completing the unit “Bounce Back”. They will be looking at Core Values to develop life long skills. These values include Honesty; Cheating and Being Fair.

Developing the ability to be resilient and not to break easily. Elasticity allows for bouncing back from life situations. For the children to understand that everyone can be unhappy at times, but that other people can help them in these situations.

Kindergarten will also be taking part in a Life Education Module, geared towards Early Stage One, namely “Clued Up”.

In Sport, students will be involved in games, which will aid them in developing their Team Building and Co-operation Skills. This term their Sport day will be on a Thursday.

Creative Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Dance
Creative Arts is integrated in all Key Learning Areas. Both the classroom teachers and a Creative Arts teacher will be involved in teaching these areas. Students will participate in a Creative Arts class for one hour a week.

Library
Library day is on FRIDAY. Please ensure library books are returned to school every Friday.

Please don’t hesitate in contacting us should you have any queries.

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