



1/2 Level Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope that all families had a fantastic and restful break and enjoyed the beautiful winter weather in Melbourne.

Parent Helpers:

At St Elizabeth's Parish School, we believe that a connection between home and school is very important. Parent helpers are a valuable resource to our school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who came in to assist in our classrooms last term. We welcome all parents to come and join in on our learning! If you would like to help, please see your child's classroom teacher to discuss suitable times.

Reading and Spelling:

At this time of the year many children have read a lot of the readers already or are moving towards being a more independent reader. If your child has been reading 'black books' for the past two terms, you may choose to select books from the local library or school library for reading each night.

Your child will continue to receive spelling words each fortnight. It is important that these words are practised a little each night rather than all in one go. Whilst the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check technique is useful, it is most beneficial for your child to complete other activities with their spelling words, such as working together to define each of the words using a children's dictionary, or looking for familiar blends in each word. Your child should be able to independently read each of their words and be able to place each word into a written or spoken sentence. Your child could also try and locate their spelling words in the texts they read.

Mathematics

In Term 3 we will be focusing on the following concepts in Mathematics:

In Number

- Addition and Subtraction
- Counting
- Place Value

In Measurement and Geometry

- Time - calendars and telling time both digitally and analogue

Maths at Home

Students continue to practise their maths skills through Mathematics. Practise telling the time both digitally and with an analogue clock. Read important dates on the calendar.

Religion/Inquiry:

In Term 3 we will begin our new Religion topic 'Creativity'. **Creativity** is a phenomenon whereby something new and somehow valuable is formed. The created item may be intangible such as an idea, a scientific theory, a musical composition, or a joke or a physical object such as an invention, a literary work, or a painting.

Throughout the term, students will respond to, practice and present dance and movement. They will create, practice and present songs, rhymes and raps. Students will also have the opportunity to explore, respond to and participate in dramatic performances. Students will respond to, create, experiment with, and present artworks.

Our focus will also be respecting God's Earth and Creations through Old Testament Biblical stories.

Students will explain the concept of beauty and goodness in God's creations and reflect on their relationship with creation.

Students will explain key scripture stories of love and care for our environment, and be involved with creativity in prayer.

Students will recognise that God created the world out of love and kindness. They will identify people in their lives who follow God's message of love. Students will also explore and describe the characters and their

actions in biblical stories such as Adam and Eve in the Genesis Creation story.

We will also begin our Cross Arts preparation. This year's Cross Arts will be based on all things Creative with a focus on 'Our Dreams'. Students will begin to rehearse and the performance will be held on Tuesday 19th September. Ticketing prices and other important details will be given out closer to the performance.

Important Dates:

Monday 31st July – School Closure Day

Tuesday 29th August – Junior Community Movie Night

Thursday 31st August – Father's Day Stall

Sunday 3rd September – Father's Day

Friday 8th September – 1/2 and 3/4 Community Mass

Tuesday 19th September - 1/2 Cross Arts Performance/Footy Day

Friday 22nd September – End of Term 3

Looking forward to another wonderful Term!

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