

JUNIOR NEWS

Term 4 2021

AS ONE IN FAITH WE LEARN AND GROW

Dear Junior Families,

Welcome back to an exciting and fresh new term. We hope that you enjoyed the school holidays with family and friends. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your dedication, commitment and support with your child during remote learning.

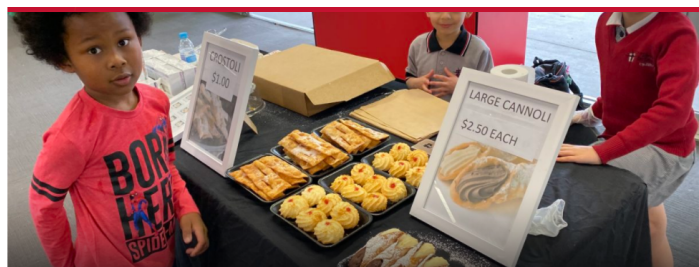
This term the students are looking forward to exploring the concept of 'Production' and investigating how we can explore growth, change and identity from a science perspective.

As part of Reading during this semester, students in Grade 1 and 2 will continue participating in Book Club. Book Club provides an opportunity for children to select texts they are interested in and participate in a discussion about the text. Book Club helps build children's comprehension and understanding about texts. Students will be given a bookmark with prompting questions that you can ask at home when they are reading the text. It is a fantastic opportunity for you to have a discussion with your child about their reading and support their learning at home.

We can't wait to dive into another busy Term full of learning and growing together. We are looking forward to our school production 'Jessie in the Jungle'. More information to come! We also look forward to our upcoming 'Twilight Market'...again watch this space!

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's home group teacher.

The Junior Team.



Twilight Market indoors due to rain!

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Education in Faith/Inquiry

Concept: Production

Domain: Science

Concept Question: 'How does change impact our world?'

This term the Juniors will explore the concept of **'Production'**.

Through guided investigations, students will build an understanding of the concept 'Production' through researching personal, physical and spiritual change and explain the connections that influence the way materials change and affect us.

Students will explore and reflect on different ways the church and their community build and maintain their connections through hope and prayer. Students will work together to build a deeper understanding with the Word of God and reflect on how these teachings and messages guide them on their journey throughout life.

Student Wellbeing

The St Francis de Sales values, coupled with our Christian values, provide a strong foundation for the way that we interact with each other in our school community.

This term we will have a particular focus on the values of:

'Wisdom, Excellence Happiness'

These values will be discussed throughout the term in Morning Gathering and then further explored by each Learning Space during learning and Circle Time.

They are also embedded in our Inquiry/Religious Education concept 'Production'.

LITERACY

Reading

During Term 4, students will be exposed to targeted strategies to suit their current level of reading skills.

We will be exploring the comprehension strategies:

- Summarising
- Synthesising
- Making Connections
- Author's Purpose

Writing

Genre: Recount, Narrative, Poetry and Procedure.

Students will explore the structure of the different genres.

Narrative — texts that entertain and have a clear structure of an orientation, complication and resolution.

Explanation— texts that explain and help us to make or use something.

You can support your child in Literacy at home by:

- encouraging them to read their reader or their online reader (Wushka) each day and encourage them to explain in their own words what happened on each page or in each chapter.
- **recording what has been read each day in their diary.**
- discussing the parts of the narrative you have read together (e.g. reader, library book, book club book).

School Community/ Parent School Partnerships

JESSIE IN THE JUNGLE

The students have been eagerly practising their singing and dancing. We are looking forward to being able to perform.

Reading Strategies

1. Summarizing
2. Asking questions
3. Making Connections
4. Predicting
5. Visualizing
6. Determining Importance
7. Inferring
8. Combining Ideas



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NUMERACY

Number and Algebra - Addition, Subtraction, Place Value, Counting, Multiplication, Division and Money.

Students will be exploring how to...

- Read, write, order and make numbers to 20, 100, 1000.
- Skip count by 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.
- Identify, make and continue patterns.
- Group, partition and rearrange collections to facilitate more efficient counting.
- Apply strategies to solve subtraction problems.
- Apply strategies to solve addition problems.
- Apply strategies to solve multiplication problems.
- Apply strategies to solve division problems.
- Recognise, describe, count and order small collections of Australian coins and notes according to their value.

Measurement and Geometry - Mass, Capacity and Time.

Students will be exploring how to...

- Compare and order the duration of events using the everyday language of time.
- Connect days of the week to familiar events and actions.
- Describe duration using months, weeks, days and hours.
- Tell time to the half and quarter hour.
- Name and order months and seasons.
- Use a calendar to identify the date and determine the number of days in each month.
- Compare capacities using a range of containers.
- Order a variety of objects and make comparisons about which is heavier or holds more and explain their reasoning using everyday language.
- Use balance scales to determine whether the mass of different objects is more, less or about the same.

You can support your child in Numeracy at home by:

- counting together by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- making and counting different patterns they may find at home or in the environment.
- ask them to tell the time.
- ask them to tell you which objects weigh more or less.

Important Dates and Notices

4th October - Start Term 4.

5th October - Prep 2022 Parent Information Evening - 7 pm online.

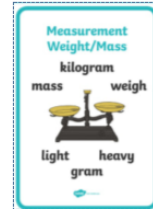
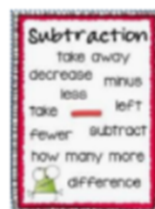
4th December - Whole School Orientation.

9th December - Reports go home.

15th December - End of Year Mass.
- Christmas Carols.

15th December - End of Term 4 at 1:30pm.

****Please continue to check the School Newsletter regularly as dates are subject to change depending on return to school and restrictions.**



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TERM 4 JUNIOR SPORTS

Welcome back to Term 4!

SPORTING SCHOOLS FUNDING

We have been lucky enough to receive Sporting Schools Funding again for the Juniors this term. We have booked in gymnastics for later in Term 4 in the hope that restrictions will ease and we will be allowed to have visitors to the school. Parents will be provided with further information closer to the date via the newsletter and Operoo.

SWIMMING

Unfortunately due to the uncertainty with covid and what restrictions will be placed on schools, we have had to cancel swimming for Term 4. We are concerned that this is the second year in a row students have missed out on swimming and with summer approaching many students will be in or near water. We have included a water safety website for parents to use with their children. The website has parent resources and also resources for children. We would encourage you to have a look at the website called Kids Alive do the Five -

<https://kidsalive.com.au/> and use it with your children as we approach summer. We are also booking a water safety session called 'Meet a Lifeguard' for all Juniors later in the term. Once again this will be dependent on restrictions and if we are allowed to have visitors to the school. Further information will be provided to parents via the newsletter and Operoo.

AUSKICK FOOTBALL CLINICS

We had two football clinics organised for the Juniors last term but because of lockdown they have been rescheduled to later this term. We are hoping that restrictions will ease to enable these clinics to go ahead. Once again more information will be provided via newsletter and Operoo closer to the date.

LUNCHTIME SOCCER CLINICS

Hopefully our lunchtime soccer clinics will be able to continue once restrictions ease enough for us to have visitors to the school.

