

# Year 5

## Term 4 2020

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Welcome back to school and Term 4 of Year 5. We hope that everyone has a wonderfully refreshing and relaxing break. We are looking forward to working with you next term.

### Classroom Expectations

The student's expectations are:

- I Am Like Jesus
- I Am Respectful
- I Am Resilient
- I Am A Learner

Students are responsible for their own work and learning. They are encouraged to:

- do their personal best;
- develop a responsible and independent approach to their learning; and
- ask questions and seek advice wherever it is needed.

### Need help with Home Learning?

All students are required to read for a minimum of 20 minutes per night which should be recorded and signed off in their diaries each day. This is compulsory. We will also be sending home additional Maths home learning for completion. This portion of home learning is not compulsory, however it is recommended to further assist their mathematical development. Students also have logins to multiple learning sites which can be accessed at home.

### Home Learning Help and Early Bird Reading

Offered in the Library each morning before school where teachers are available to assist students. We also encourage students to read at home each night.

### Library

It is expected that students will have their Library bags when borrowing from the Library. The Library is open before school and during lunches for borrowing.

### Leadership for 2021

In Term 4, we will begin preparing Year 5 for the transition into Year 6 and leadership positions for 2021. This involves participation in our Leadership Retreat as well as nomination, preparation and presentation of speeches for House Captains and Student Representative Council.

It is also important to understand that at St Joseph's, all Year 6 students are leaders.

While all students may not be given an official position, they are all expected to model and practice the leadership qualities referred to in the Policy and other school activities, as responsible members of our school community.

## **KEY LEARNING AREAS**

### **Religious Education**

Religious Education is at the heart of all we do at St Joseph's. We would like to encourage all students and their families to join us throughout the term at our Parish Sunday Masses, when they resume to normal capacity. This term our topics in Religious Education are We Celebrate the Sacraments and Advent to Christmas. We are also looking forward to our Year 5 Leadership Retreat in Week 6.

### **English**

The English program in Term 4 is a unit of work titled 'Criminal Thinking' which compliments our continuing History unit on Colonial Australia. Students will develop a greater understanding of how authors throughout time have always used literary devices to persuade their audience and they will examine both literary and nonfiction texts, including multimodal texts and how significant events such as the Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade have been portrayed in historical texts.

### **Mathematics**

This program is derived from the NSW Syllabus and is accompanied by class texts such as Advanced Primary Maths. Mathematics will consist of the sub strands Number, Patterns and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. The process strand of Working Mathematically is incorporated in all strands. There is a weekly focus on students knowing their Multiplication Facts.

### **History/Geography**

Our History unit this term, continues our work on Colonial Australia and compliments our English program. Students will examine what were the significant events that occurred during these times with a focus on the Goldrush, the Eureka Stockade and who were the significant people that shaped these Australian colonies?

Our Geography focus this term is a unit of work titled 'Firestorm' and will be taught in the second half of the term. Students will explore the impact bushfires have on Australian people, places and environments through the study of the bushfires in the Port Macquarie/Hastings area. Students will propose ways people can reduce the impact of bushfires in the future and will engineer a fire detection system or a community awareness product.

### **Science and Technology**

Science lessons are derived from the new Australian Curriculum for Science in NSW. The unit we will be focused on throughout the term is 'Light Up My Life', understanding the properties of light that allows us to harness it, for the benefit of

humankind. Digital Technology (STEM) will also be incorporated into our program. The students will be involved in a large variety of 'hands on' skills based learning eg. experiments and computational thinking.

## Physical Education, Health and Personal Development (PDHPE)

The PE component of this program will involve the students developing fitness skills and also an opportunity to develop positive attitudes towards an active lifestyle. The students will also practise Fundamental Movement Skills and participate in Tennis lessons during Week 1 to 5.

For your planning our Year 5 sport days this term are Thursday and Friday.

- Summer uniform - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Sports uniform - Thursday and Friday

## Creative Arts

During Creative Arts in Term 4, the students will focus on the element of Dance. We will look at how dance can be interpreted in different ways and learn about the aspects of performing, composing and appreciating/reflecting in Dance.

## Communication between home and school

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns. It is often best to make an appointment by calling the front office. Urgent messages **MUST** be communicated to the front office via a note or phone call as it is unlikely that other communication platforms such as Facebook or email will be checked during the school day.

The school has a Facebook page which we regularly post whole school information, photos and share the student's learning on. Log in to your Facebook account and search 'St Joseph's Primary Port Macquarie' to like our school page.



**IMPORTANT:** Please note that whilst we post on Facebook from time to time, our main source of information will be in our newsletter **Joey's Jottings** and the **School App 'SZapp'**. Please ring the office if you have any questions about this.

We ask that you read our school newsletter every week which will be emailed to you. **Joey's Jottings** has all the information you will need with links to different online forms. You can find all the newsletters, including past issues, on the school's web page <https://www.pmacjlism.catholic.edu.au>. You can also access information through the School App. Please make these your primary source of information regarding your child's schooling.

Kind regards

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Year 5 Team