LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE

10th of October, 2016

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Fourth Term is upon us, and so is the countdown to the end of the year! This term is gearing up to be a busy one with lots of exciting learning taking place.

RE UNITS:
Mary and Jesus– Children will explore the relationship between Mary and Jesus. Using various Scripture passages to explore Mary’s place as the mother of Jesus, they will make connections to their relationships with their own mothers which changes as they grow up.

Advent People - Waiting for the Prince of Peace – Children will explore the events of Advent up to and including the Feast of the Epiphany. They relate the symbols of the Jesse Tree to these people and realise it is the family tree of Jesus. They apply the Christian understanding of peace to promoting peace in the classroom and their own lives.

LITERACY
Reading
A range of strategies will be explored and employed over the fourth term. Students will continue to be exposed to a variety of printed texts and electronic media, to consolidate their skills in identifying and interpreting main ideas in a text, as well as expressive language.

Writing
Students will be introduced to a range of poetry styles such as haiku, limerick, cinquain and autobiographical poems. During the second half of the term we will focus on explanation texts and explore both the language features and text structures pertaining to this genre.

Speaking and Listening
Children will continue to develop their skills of speaking and presenting in front of the class. They will also be encouraged to be polite and attentive listeners to others.

MATHS
Year 3 will focus on developing strategies to help the children improve their skills of the four processes with particular emphasis on multiplication and division through worded problems. Fractions will be studied, and students will be involved in measurement activities that develop understandings in the areas of length, area, perimeter, volume, capacity and mass.
SOSE (Studies of Society and its Environment) UNIT
The Term 4 SOSE Unit ‘Mary and Jesus’, has an RE focus. It looks at transition, and how we change and prepare for new things in our lives, how each season is a preparation for the following season, and how a mother’s role changes as we get older. This unit will run for 4 weeks and will be followed by Advent based activities, in preparation for Christmas.

SPECIALISTS
Japanese continues to run for the rest of the year (Every Tuesday), Art, Music, Library and PE run on the rotational basis.

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UNIFORM
Please remind your child to wear their Sports Uniform on their PE day. At all other times, it is expected that the full school uniform is worn. Wearing of hats in Fourth Term is an expectation, and if a child does not have a hat for any reason, the “No Hat, No Play” rule applies.

HOMEWORK
All students are expected to read each night for a minimum of 15 mins and record this in their diaries/log sheet. They should continue to revise basic number facts.

Religious Education, Spelling, Writing, Reading, Maths and SOSE activities etc will be sent home in accordance to programs and needs.

Parents are asked to check that the Homework is completed, and to sign their child’s Homework.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have queries/concerns. We thank you for your support during 2016, in being partners in the education of your child.

Kind regards,

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