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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During Term 1, students will be focusing on the faith concept of 'Belonging'. They will:

- Understand that they are a part of God's family.
- Discuss why we pray.
- Learn the behaviours and actions of prayer, including the sign of the cross and will begin to learn our school prayer.
- Visit SFX Parish Church and look at sacred symbols and objects.

Students will begin to learn about Lent and Holy week. The children will listen to Bible stories such as:

- Palm Sunday
- *The Washing of the Feet*
- *The Last Supper*
- *Easter Story*

Through these stories and in keeping with the season of Lent and Holy Week, students are introduced to Jesus Christ as the one who loves us.

## INQUIRY

The topic for this term is 'Wiggle Giggle Grow'.



Students will be introduced to the school mascots, Splash the turtle, Waddles the Penguin, Spike the Echidna & Aussie the Wombat.

They will:

- Learn what it means to be a resilient, safe, responsible and respectful learner.
- Explore their strengths.
- Develop mindful strategies.
- Understand what it means to be a good friend.
- Reflecting on how their choices and actions impact others
- Identify what helps to keep our bodies and minds healthy

## MATHEMATICS

This term the children will be learning quick recall of numbers each day, To build up their Numeral Identification skills.



They will be

- Reading, writing and recognising numbers 0-20
- Counting by naming numbers in sequences forwards and backwards, from any starting point
- Recalling the days of the week and link to everyday events
- Use the Terms yesterday, today and tomorrow corresponding to the day.
- Copying, continuing and creating patterns

## ENGLISH



This term the children will be introduced to the letters of the alphabet by addressing the various sounds the letters can make, they will be using this skill of sounding out throughout their reading, writing, speaking and listening tasks.

The letter sounds for this term are:

A, M, S, T, P, F, I, N, O

The students will also be

- looking at the difference between a letter, a word and a sentence and exploring these in reading and writing.
- Exploring the features of a book e.g. front and back cover, title, author and illustrator.
- Exploring high frequency words in texts and applying the new words they learn in their writing e.g. the, my, I
- Making attempts to construct sentences with teacher support
- Develop awareness of directionality when writing
- Eg; from left to right, top to bottom.
- Write their name using the correct letter formation and starting points.

## WELLBEING

The students will recognise and practice the skills that develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers. The students will:

- learn about the school values and the school rules and expectations as part of being a member of SFX
- Participate in 'getting to know you' and 'know your school' activities
- Understand the process of a growth mindset, where they are 'yet' to achieve their goal
- Participate in meditation and 'Brain Breaks' to calm and refocus themselves.



The students will be introduced to the Kimochi program & their characters & stories: - Cloud, Bug, Huggtopus, Cat & Lovey Dove This is a Wellbeing program that is used with the Prep classes to help empower and guide the children on a positive Wellbeing journey.



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**PERFORMING ARTS - Ms Alexandra Beamont**

Welcome to the Performing Arts at SFX. The Performing Arts program encompasses music, drama and dance throughout the year. This year the focus will be Drama and Dance in preparation for our whole school production in Term 3. To set up good foundations, this term the students will focus on the difference between their 'singing' and 'speaking' voice. Foundation students will also be introduced to Drama. They will learn how to take on roles as different characters and act out the plot of simple fairy tales.



**VISUAL ARTS - Ms Briohny O'Connor**

In Term One students will focus on Drawing and Fine Motor skills. They will become familiar with the Visual Arts Studio and safe art practice within it.

Students will:

- develop their fine motor skills through a range of activities including drawing, tracing, threading and modelling with playdough.
- work on skills such as drawing and mark making, and use a range of art materials such as pencils, markers, crayons etc.
- explore what it means to be an artist and what do artists do?
- contribute to the SFX whole school collaborative art project in response to our 2025 school theme 'Growing into Greatness'.

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY - Ms Siobhan Morello**

Welcome to Digital Technology for 2025. This term, the Preps will discover and explore computer hardware components like the system unit, keyboard, mouse, and monitor/screen. They will practice logging on and off devices and programs to become more confident and familiar with the technology at school. They will explore programs such as KidPix and experiment with the digital tools to create and manipulate different images and scenes.



**STEM - Mr Michael Park**



Term 1 focuses on the theme "My World". The Preps begin by observing their surroundings, like the classroom and playground, and asking questions. They then identify needs by brainstorming improvements to these spaces. Following this, students design and create simple solutions, such as ramps or reading areas. The next stage involves testing, observing, and refining the solutions. Finally, they share their creations and explain the design process. The term emphasizes exploration, problem-solving, and creativity



**LOTE: Mandarin - Ms Joyce Fang**

In Term One, Prep students will begin their Mandarin journey with an exciting introduction to China and its rich culture. They will explore famous landmarks, traditions, and celebrations to spark curiosity and build connections to the language.

Students will then learn basic greetings and self-introductions, practicing how to say hello, goodbye, and introduce themselves in Mandarin. They will also discover family member names, learning how to talk about their loved ones. Through songs, stories, and interactive activities, students will develop confidence in listening and speaking while having fun!

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mr Brian Anderson**



Growing into greatness is our school theme for the Year. This fits very well into Physical Education. In Term One Physical Education will begin in Week 5 on a Wednesday. The students wear their sport's uniform on this day. The focus for the first few weeks will be on rules and boundaries as we play minor fun games. The students will learn about the whistle and that it means Stop, Look and Listen. They will be introduced to the concept of playing fairly, taking turns and following rules in games. Later in the term the focus will be on the important fundamental skills of throwing, catching and running.

**DISCOVERY CENTRE - Ms Erin Loader**

In Term One, our Prep students will be introduced to the expectations and procedures in the Discovery Centre.



They will learn how to care for books, understand the borrowing process and be introduced to how we shelve books, helping them develop a sense of responsibility and a love for reading.

Throughout the term, students will have a particular focus on the Picture Fiction collection and also engage with works by well-known children's authors and our first picture story display of 2025 - Under The Seal

