Dear Parents,

What an eventful term we have ahead of us, with the Reconciliation Program, the Zoo Snooze, Swimming Program and Seussical the Musical. It will be an exciting time for both the students and the teachers. In our inquiry units this term we will be delving into Physical Science. This Term our students be preparing for their upcoming sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please look carefully at the key dates for this term as we have a few extra events in preparation for Reconciliation, where parent attendance is expected. Please also remember that as part of school policy, when your child is going to be absent, we ask that you inform the school as soon as you can. Thank you for a fantastic year so far and we hope that you have an enjoyable Term Four.

Kind regards,

Anna Coelli and Elly Dillon

**Key Dates**

**October:**
- 22nd—Reconciliation Information Night 7pm
- 28th—Reconciliation Family Faith Night 7pm
- 30th—3C and 3D Class Mass

**November**
- 2nd—School Closure Day
- 3rd—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 12th—Reconciliation Liturgy Night 7pm
- 13th—Kids Disco
- 16th–26th—Swimming Lessons
- 26th—Swimming Carnival

**December**
- 11th—Whole School Up Day
- 16th—Last Day of School
Religious Education

Forgiveness and Healing
In this unit students explore the concepts of forgiving and healing through the sacrament of Reconciliation. They explore the different Rites of Reconciliation celebrated in the Catholic Church. They examine the four stages of reconciling a friendship. Students are invited to write their own prayers of forgiveness and healing and to express their new learnings in a display for the school.

Advent
In this unit students learn about Advent People in the Old Testament and how they waited for their Messiah, the Prince of Peace. They examine some of the symbols of the Jesse Tree, and reflect on their experiences of peace in light of the Christian understanding of this concept. Students use the Christian understanding of peace to plan actions to highlight and promote peace in their classroom, school environment and their own lives. They plan and participate in Advent Prayer and a Nativity Play.

Mathematics
This Term in Mathematics students will have the opportunity to explore and study the following:

Multiplication and Division
- Multiplication strategies such as repeated addition, equal groups, arrays and number lines
- Looking for relationships between the times tables – e.g. 6 times tables are the double of the 3 times tables
- Automatic recall of 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s multiplication facts
- Understand the relationship between multiplication and division to aid in automatic recall and problem solving

Patterns and Algebra
- Describe, continue and create number patterns using addition and subtraction

Data
- Record and refine ways to collect and represent data
- Developing questions that are specific to collect data

Angles
- Compare objects in our environment and describe their size e.g. doors being open partially, clock angles
Literacy

Writing
This term in Writing children will have the opportunity to explore the following:
- Narratives
- Recounts
- Musical literature
- Poetry
- Letter writing
- Spelling and handwriting will continue to be a focus throughout the term

Reading
This Term in Reading children will have the opportunity to:
- Continue to develop fluency and phrasing when reading
- Add appropriate expression based on the text type
- Explore how authors capture and keep readers’ attention through the use of clues and riddles

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