



# St Joseph's School

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Dear Parents, Families and Students,

Welcome to Year 4! I am very excited for the year ahead and I am looking forward to a fun and successful year full of learning and growth.

Here are some important things to know about Year 4, Term 1. These and more will be explained further at the parent information night which will be held in Week 2, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of February.

## Important Dates:

Week 1: Friday (8/2)	Start of Year Mass 9am
Week 2: Thursday (14/2)	Parent Information Evening 5:30pm or 6:30pm Principal Information Session 6:00pm Year 4 Attending Mass
Week 2: Friday (15/2)	Sacramental Enrolment Meeting 6pm
Week 3: Thursday (21/2)	Pupil Free Day
Week 4: Friday (1/3)	Labour Day Holiday
Week 5: Monday (4/3)	Year 4 News Assembly
Week 5: Friday (8/3)	<b>Swimming Lessons</b>
<b>Week 6 &amp; 7:</b>	St Pat's Day Mass – dress in green (gold coin donation)
Week 6 Friday (15/3)	School Faction Swimming Carnival
Week 8 Friday (29/3)	Parent Teacher Meetings 2:30pm
Week 9 Monday (1/4)	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Week 9 Friday (5/4)	Pupil Free Day
Week 10 Monday (8/4)	Year 4 Reconciliation
Week 10 Tuesday (9/4)	Easter Hat Parade & Raffle
Week 10 Thursday (11/4)	Easter Mass 9am
Week 10 Friday (12/4)	Last day of Term 1

## Specialist Subjects:

The Arts:	Mrs Yvonne Langan, Monday
Digital Technology:	Mrs Vicki Hodgson, Monday
Italian:	Mrs Mary-Ann Landwehr, Tuesday
Library:	Mrs Jan Young, Tuesday
Physical Education:	Mrs Yvonne Langan, Thursday
Science:	Mrs Vicki Hodgson, Thursday

Students will be required to wear their gold sports shirts on **Monday** and their faction shirts on **Thursday**.

## Homework:

Students will receive homework on Monday afternoons, with the expectation that it is completed throughout the week and returned the following Monday. Our Year 4 homework consists of three components; Literacy Pro, Spelling and Basic Number Facts. Students must complete their homework activities and have their diary signed to ensure they are considered for the classroom homework reward.

## Parent / Teacher Communication

Should you have any queries or concerns and require to meet with myself, appointments can be made before school (8:00-8:30am) and after school (3:15-4:00pm) on Tuesday – Friday afternoons.

## **Curriculum Focuses:**

### Religion

In Religion, we will have two units of work for Term 1. Our first unit of work focuses on the Church. This unit explores how people learn in different communities by observing, listening, trying something out and asking questions. Your child will recognise that as people get older, they begin to take more responsibility for their own learning by getting involved in decision making, for example, by choosing what foods to put in their lunchbox or by deciding how to play with others. The second unit will focus on the period of Lent and Easter. This unit of work focuses on the love, forgiveness and mercy that people show, especially during Lent. Your child will learn the ways that people can show love, mercy and forgiveness to make their lives more peaceful and will realise that sometimes people need to show love by saying 'no'.

### Numeracy

There will be a large focus on basic number facts which will be supported through our daily Mental Maths and homework tasks. Our first topic in Maths will be Time before moving into Number and Place Value, paying close attention to numbers to 100 000, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Literacy

In Literacy, we will be looking at procedural texts before moving into persuasive texts. These will be supported by our reading, spelling and comprehension sessions. I will also be placing a big emphasis on handwriting as students are working towards obtaining their pen licences.

### Health

In Health, we will be focusing on social and emotional wellbeing. Within this, we will be addressing the topic of bullying, resilience and growth mindsets as well as focusing on the right to be safe through the "Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum".

### HASS (Civics & Citizenship)

The HASS topic for Term 1 is Civics & Citizenship. In Civics and Citizenship, students will explore the concepts of democratic values, rights and responsibilities and their role within a community. Students will examine how belonging and personal identity are integral to the development of laws and the important role that laws play in society and cultural diversity. In doing so, we will also begin to learn about AUSLAN and how sign language is an important aspect for inclusion in society.

### T&E: Technology and Enterprise (STEM)

In T&E, students will each begin a STEM project. STEM projects are open-ended projects that are designed to deepen students' understanding of materials and how things work within the world. Students must complete a process which sees them research, plan, build, test and reflect on a solution to a given problem or design.

### Visual Arts

In Visual Art, students will begin to experiment with the principles and elements of art. Students will be creating a variety of pieces that focus on realistic, narrative and abstract styles of art. They will be using a variety of materials, medias and technologies to create a piece of work. Students will also be working both independently and collaboratively as they produce a class piece that will be on display at the Waroona Show.

If you have any questions that are not answered at the Parent Information Night on Thursday in Week 2, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting each of you and cannot wait for the fantastic year ahead.

Kind regards,

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