



# Year 4 Learning Overview

## Term 1 2018

### Religion

*This term we will be exploring 3 Religion units:*

#### Lent: An Invitation to Believe

In this unit the students will explore the themes of covenant, commandment and law. There is a particular emphasis on the ten commandments and the law of love.

#### Passover: Exodus

In this unit, students study the Exodus story and its celebration in the Jewish Passover meal drawing upon the experience of refugees and immigrants to Australia. The unit seeks to develop students' understanding of the new meaning Jesus gave to the sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper and to relate the Church's celebration of the Eucharist to its hospitality and service to refugees and immigrants.

#### Easter Season: New Life

In this unit, students will explore experiences of 'death' and 'new life' in their lives and how this is related to the Church's celebration of the mystery of Jesus' rising and dying in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter season.

*This year we will be learning the responses in Mass (including the Gloria), Apostles Creed and Confiteor. You may like to reinforce these at home.*

### Important Dates



#### Week 3

**Monday 12th February 9:15 am**  
Opening School Mass in the Church  
**Wednesday 14th February 9am**  
Ash Wednesday Mass in the Church

#### Week 3/4

Student/Parent/Teacher led conferences

#### Week 11

CARES program  
(Wednesday 11th April / Thursday 12th April)

#### ATTENTION PARENTS & CARERS

Please read our school newsletter, 'By the Way' each fortnight for upcoming events and go to our website to access all school dates.

#### OLOW CALENDAR

<http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au/event-calendar>

You may also wish to subscribe to the OLOW Skoolbag App and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

### What's Happening?

**Monday:** Morning Assembly  
Sports Uniform  
Gymnastics Program

**Tuesday:** Library

**Wednesday:** 4 Gold - Music with Mrs McGregor  
4 Green - Japanese with Mrs Schafer

**Thursday:** 4 Green - Music with Mrs McGregor

**Friday:** 4 Gold - Japanese with Mrs Schafer  
Sports Uniform

### Other Notices

- We encourage students to read for 20 minutes a day.
- We also encourage students to access Google Classroom at home. This is an option for students who would like to continue their learning outside of school and an opportunity for students to share their learning with their parents and family.

- **FYI:** Teachers will not be available to meet: Wednesday afternoon (Staff Meeting) and Thursday morning (Staff Briefing / Prayer).

## English

We will continue our Literacy learning through the elements of our Literacy block, which are:

- Shared Reading
- Independent Reading
- Read Aloud
- Reader's Circle
- Shared Writing
- Guided Writing
- Independent Writing



Our writing this term will focus on imaginative and informative texts by drafting, proofreading, editing and publishing for familiar audiences.

During 'Read Aloud' we will be sharing the novel, "The BFG" by Roald Dahl. Perhaps you would like to share a Roald Dahl novel with your child.

During Reader's Circle we will be reading novels by Roald Dahl.

Students are encouraged to choose their own novel during independent reading.

## Mathematics

The elements of our one hour daily Numeracy block are:

- **Warm up** - a number based activity.
- **Rich task or Investigation** – an open-ended activity that allows students to explore a concept.
- **Reflection** – students reflect on and discuss their thinking and strategies used.

Some of the topics we will be learning about are:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Length
- Time



We are working on becoming efficient mathematicians.

To continue to develop their number sense at home, your child can share with you our warm-up games that you can play together as a family.

Students are encouraged to revise their number facts daily.

It is an expectation that Year 4 will be revising their times tables as part of their daily homework (10 minutes).

## Science

This term our unit is **NIGHT AND DAY**.

During this unit, we will be exploring the sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon.

We will investigate how night and day occur, as well as our seasons.

Towards the end of this unit, we will begin exploring different natural processes which result in a change of the Earth's surface.



We will participate in Project Based learning, focusing on a specific natural landmark which has been affected by natural processes.

## Creative Arts

Music will continue with Mrs McGregor every Wednesday/Thursday. Mrs Schafer will be taking the students for Japanese lessons again this year, on a Wednesday/Friday.



Visual Arts and Drama are integrated with our Science unit, Religion units and Literacy Tasks.

This term, the students will be focusing on skills and techniques associated with using different mediums such as water colours when painting.

## **PDHPE**

This term as part of our Personal, Development and Health program we will be exploring and developing co-operative strategies, identifying and using character strengths and building resilience.

Sport will take place every Monday this term as part of our Physical Education program. Students will participate in the Gymnastics program run by Dance Fever.

On Fridays, we will be involved in developing our fitness through skipping and running.