



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 2017

Information Booklet

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INTRODUCTION

A very warm welcome to Parents, Guardians and Carers of Year Four 2017. I am delighted to be working at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary, and am eager to help your children grow and develop this school year. Thank you for attending this evening's session, as we outline aspects of the Year Four Curriculum and programme that will be implemented in the classroom this year. Please take the time to read through this information booklet carefully, as it contains important information regarding your child's education.

ADMINISTRATION

School Hours

Children are not permitted to be at school before 8:10 am, as supervision is not provided until after this time.

School begins at **8:25 am**. The classroom doors will usually open at 8:15 am to allow your child to organise themselves for the day. I ask that both parents and older siblings refrain from assisting the children as they organise themselves, so they are able to develop a routine and gain independence whilst doing so.

- **Recess: 10:20 am – 10:40 am**
- **Lunch: 12:20-12:35 pm (eating); 12:35-12:55 pm (playing)**

The school day ends at **2:35 pm**, when the children will be dismissed from the classroom. You are welcome to collect your child from the foyer. Alternatively, your child may use the pick-up zone, as well as buses that run to both Port and South Hedland (ensure they have a new **TransHedland Smartrider** card).

Punctuality is important to ensure your child has the best start to the school day. If for any reason your child is late to school, they must present themselves at the office to fill-out the register. Your child will then need to take the late notice red card to the classroom.

Absences

If your child is absent from school for any period of time, please write a note for the classroom teacher who will then forward this to administration upon their arrival. It is a legal requirement that all absences are in writing, even if you have contacted the school by phone or other means. If you are aware of any absences prior to them occurring please inform the classroom teacher of the dates prior to leaving.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Illness tends to spread quite rapidly in a learning environment.

Uniforms

All children required to wear the correct uniform at all times. Please make yourself aware of the correct uniform requirements. If your child fails to wear the correct uniform they will be given a **red uniform slip**. These will need to be signed by a parent, guardian or carer and returned to the classroom teacher on the following day.

If you are aware that your child is wearing the incorrect uniform, a note explaining the reason why is appreciated.

Lost Property

If your child loses an item of theirs, please check the lost property box located in the office. Items that are labelled will generally turn up however; it is ultimately your child is responsible for their own items.

Canteen Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will need to be placed in the white lunch order basket upon your child's arrival to school. Please refer to the menu prices and daily specials. These can be accessed on the school's website.

Health Issues

Many children suffer from allergies. To cater for these children, the school is a **nut and egg aware** school. We endeavour not to include these products in our meals.

Please ensure that staff members at the school are aware of any allergies or special medical conditions.

Stationery

Thank you for your assistance in getting the stationery orders and labelling your child's stationery items. It is important that they have the correct equipment on them. If you have any issues with the required items, please see me. Spare stationery items are kept in the classroom and are given to the children when they need it.

Year Four Timetable - 2017 (Subject to Change).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.15	START OF THE SCHOOL DAY- Students to organise materials required for the day				
8.25-8.40	Assembly(fortnightly)	Morning Fitness	Morning Fitness	Assembly (fortnightly)	Morning Fitness
8.40-9.05	Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery
9.05-10.20	LITERACY	LITERACY	LITERACY	LITERACY	LITERACY
10.20-10.40					
10.40-11.00	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
11.00-11.40	NUMERACY	NUMERACY	NUMERACY	SCIENCE	NUMERACY
11.40-12.20					
12.20-12.55	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12.55-1.45	HISTORY	HISTORY	ART	HEALTH	HISTORY
1.45-2.35				RELIGION	RELIGION
2.35	END OF THE SCHOOL DAY				

Important Days

- **Monday:** Assembly – Morning Greeting (fortnightly).
- **Tuesday:** Physical Education and Health, Science and T&E (from recess to the end of the school day).
- **Thursday:** Assembly – Merit Certificates (fortnightly), Library (Mrs Sheen).

Your child will be expected to present an oral presentation which they may choose to use visual displays / props if they so desire. As this is part of the Literacy (Speaking and Listening strand) it is essential that their participation is encouraged. There is no timetable for this, however they are marked on a variety of factors. Please ensure they are prepared to discuss the relevant topic prior to their day of choice.

Term One 2017 General Outline

This term, the following concepts and/or skills will be explicitly taught to your child.

Literacy:

- Writing – Informative Text and Narrative
- Reading and viewing – English Skills (Levelled Text Books) – Understand the difference between the language of opinion, feeling and fact. Read, homophones and editing to improve work.
- Spelling – Levelled spelling activities (Spelling Mastery) and homophones- know how to use context to correctly identify spelling.
- In all of the above activities, except Writing - Students are tested and placed accordingly. This is an ongoing process and as such, levels can vary throughout the year.

Numeracy:

- Basic facts - Solving problems using the four operations and times tables.
- Number – recognise, model, represent and order numbers to at least tens of thousands. Also, apply place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers to at least tens of thousands and solve problems.
- Mental strategies and standard algorithms for Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.
- Mental Maths – Quick fire Mental Math activities that are conducted using levelled text books and include a weekly test (25 questions). This is recorded and Students can move between groups throughout the year.
- Fractions and Decimals- Investigate equivalent fractions used in context, count by fractions and represent these on a number line. Recognise that the place value system can be extended to tenths and hundredths. Our goal is to make connections between fractions and decimal notation.

Humanities (History):

- **The First Fleet-** Focusing on world history and the movement of peoples. Beginning with the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, students examine European exploration and colonisation in Australia and throughout the world up to the early 1800s. Students examine the impact of exploration on other societies, how these societies interacted with newcomers, and how these experiences contributed to their cultural diversity.

Inquiry Questions

- Why did the Europeans settle in Australia?
- What was the nature and consequence of contact between Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples and early traders, explorers and settlers?

PE/Health:

- **Skills for physical activity.**
- **AUSWIM** Lessons in Sport. Levels will be provided. Water awareness, safety and CPR skills.
- **The school values-** Daily sports devotions (incorporating Religion).
- **Lifestyle Choices** – Nutritional awareness, sound nutrition and Hygiene.

Art:

- Art responses - students reflect critically on their own experiences and respond to the work of other artists to develop their own arts knowledge and preferences.
- Respond to feedback on their own artwork and express ideas and feelings about the artwork of their peers.
- Visual Art, Cooking and Dance elective subjects. Teachers will collaborate to provide an overall Art mark for each Semester.

Science:

- Chemical Sciences – Material World
- New materials have revolutionised modern life. Plastics have been used instead of glass in bottles and windows, and even instead of metals in aeroplanes. Lighter, stronger, warmer fabrics have made extreme weather conditions more comfortable. Designers incorporate new materials in clothes and bags to better suit our needs. Materials scientists are now researching materials that have desirable properties but which have less impact on the environment.
- **ACSSU074** - Natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties; these properties can influence their use

Religion:

- 'We are Called' – Baptism studies.
- 'Choosing to do good' – Investigation into Jesus' life and the Lent / Easter period.

****this is a guide only and at times the timeframes need to be adjusted and topics modified.***

Homework

In Year Four, it is expected that your child engages in approximately **15-20** minutes of homework (this does not include reading) each night. Homework is set with the intent to support and consolidate learning that has occurred in the classroom. Please help your child establish consistent routines for homework, and provide encouragement with all tasks. However, it is important to note that **students are to complete homework tasks on their own.**

The homework template can be accessed on the school website. Your child's homework will be assigned each Friday and assessed every Thursday. Please ensure it is completed prior to this. Students can print the homework out and do some of it on the template and the remainder in their Homework Exercise Books. Please sign the homework sheet OR sign their diaries on Wednesday night to notify that the homework has been completed. Copies are available on the school website or print outs can be provided if the home printer/internet is not working.

If for any reason your child is unable to complete their homework, please send a note with a valid reason. The homework sheet can be printed or the students can simply write the homework tasks in their Homework book.

Classroom Management

In order to provide your children with a positive and safe environment for learning, they are expected to follow the five school rules. These are displayed in the classroom and are regularly referred to. Positive (and negative) behaviours are recognised in various ways, including the ClassDojo App.

School-Wide Behaviour Management Policy

The school-wide behaviour management policy has been designed to help create an environment that is functional and nurturing to everyone's needs. It promotes the development of self-regulation. Through minor, medium and major offences, children learn that all behaviours have consequences and recognise when actions should be altered.

STUDENT PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are held at the end of Term One, however, if at any time during the year you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I generally have an **open door policy** and am at work from **6:30am – 4:30pm** (normally). Alongside of this, please do not hesitate to contact me via email – bushell.tamara@cathednet.wa.edu.au.