

# Welcome to Year 4!



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Available times:

Monday (before school), Tuesday (before & after school), Wednesday (before school), Thursday (before school) or Friday (before school & after school)

Please make an appointment via the office, email or your child's diary.

If you have any questions or problems throughout the year, please bring it to my attention immediately and don't leave it until the interviews. I am readily available for a brief chat, however if you would prefer an in-depth conversation please arrange a time after school where I can give you my full attention.

Daily Routine:

Our classroom door will generally open around 8:30am. Children are expected to unpack their own bags and set up their work station for the day. Siren will ring at 8:45am.

The timetable for Term 1 is below. Children are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday and Friday and ensure they have their library bags and books on Thursday.

If you need to remove your child from the class during the day, you will need to sign him/her out at the office. This will need to be done before you come to collect your child. The same procedure applies if you arrive late in the mornings.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	<i>Doors Open</i>	<i>Doors Open</i>	<i>Doors Open</i>	<i>Doors Open</i>	<i>Doors Open</i>
9:00 Period 1	<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Literacy</b>	<b>9:00 Literacy</b>	<b>Literacy</b>
9:55 Period 2	<b>10:10 Religion</b>			<b>9:45</b>	
10:50	Recess	Recess	Recess	<b>10:30 Recess</b>	Recess
11:15 Period 3	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Computer lab/ Technologies</b>	HASS (Mrs Parker)	<b>11:00 Mathematics/ iPads</b>	PE/Health (Ms Frost)
12:05 Period 4	LOTE (Mr Selvam)		Period 4 - Cluster Meeting	<b>11:45</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
12:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	<b>12:25 Lunch</b>	Lunch
1:30 Period 5	<b>Science</b>	PE/Health (Ms Frost)	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>1:00 Religion 1.15 - Library</b>	<b>Art/Drama</b>
2:20 Period 6		<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Religion</b>	<b>1:45 Religion</b>	
				<b>2:30 Early Close</b>	

## 1. Curriculum

Religious Education is our main learning area with the Australian Curriculum fully implemented across English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health & Physical Education and The Arts. The outcomes, learning activities and

common assessments will be reflected in Year 4 to ensure that all Year 4's are taught and levelled according to Year 4 national curriculum outcomes.

Excursions are a big part of our learning journey, whether it's local or in Perth. Our aim is to have 3 excursions during the year which will reflect what is being taught in class.

#### Yearly Plan -Year 4

##### ***Religion***

Term 1: Powerful God/Creator of Human Life/Lent

Term 2: The Spirit Who Strengthens/Whispers from Within

Term 3: Coming to Your Table/God Knows Everything

Term 4: Loved and Forgiven/Together in Prayer

##### ***English***

*Spelling, Grammar, Comprehension and Handwriting daily/weekly*

Term 1: Narratives and Persuasive Writing

Term 2: Report Writing and Recount Writing

Term 3: Recount Writing and Procedure Writing

Term 4: Poetry Writing (Haiku) and End of Year Review

##### ***Mathematics***

Term 1: Place Value, Odd and Even Numbers, Chance Events, Addition and Subtraction

Term 2: Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and 2D & 3D Shapes

Term 3: Fractions, Time, Length & Area, Volume & Capacity, Mass and Money

Term 4: Number Patterns, Problem Solving, Angles, Symmetry, Grids & Maps and Statistics

##### ***Science***

Term 1: Earth and Space Sciences

Term 2: Biological Science

Term 3: Chemical Science

Term 4: Physical Science

##### ***The Arts***

Semester 1: Visual

Semester 2: Drama

##### ***Technologies***

Semester 1: Design and Technologies

Semester 2: Digital Technologies

## ***Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)***

- *Taught by Mrs Nicki Parker*

Civics and Citizenship, Australian History and Traditional owners of Australia

## ***LOTE – Languages other than English (Indonesian)***

- *Taught by Mr David Selvam*

### **Specialist Teachers:**

Ms Frost – Physical Education and Health (Tuesday & Friday)

Mr Selvam – Indonesian (Monday)

Mrs Parker – Humanities and Social Sciences (Wednesday)

### **2. Assessment**

Test books will be sent home two times each semester. Once you have looked through the tests and work samples please sign the cover page and send it back to school.

Term 1 – Test Books (Week 8)

Term 2 – Test Books & Semester 1 Reports

Term 3 – Three-way Conferences & Tests Books

Term 4 – Test Books & Semester 2 Reports

### **3. Diaries and Homework:**

Students are required to bring their diary to and from school daily.

The children will have homework each week to complete. Each Monday they will be given homework which they are expected to take home and complete over the coming week, returned to school by Friday. Homework will also be uploaded to the school portal should it go missing. Any work not completed by the children during the day may also be expected to be taken home and completed. The diary is to be used to communicate with me and vice versa and should be checked every night for any additional information or timetable changes. Please date and initial any notes specific to your child so I know they have been received. If your child is absent please send in a written note (absentee slips are at the back of the Diary) or email the front office.

### **Homework Assistance - Studyladder:**

To help children further develop their understanding they have access to Studyladder. Access is through either through a computer or iPad:

[www.studyladder.com.au](http://www.studyladder.com.au)

Student's login and password is glued on the last page of their diaries.

### **Reading Homework**

- Levelled reading books are sent home every night for those children that have not achieved level 30;
- Children are expected to read their home reading book each night. Their “My Reading Record” book should be signed by an adult; and



- The children will read to themselves or a parent helper everyday and I will be testing them once a month depending on their development.

### ***Homework time per night***

Year 4 - 40 minutes per night (reading and allocated homework)

### ***Reading***

Complete reading record and parents sign

5 minutes, 4 nights a week

#### ***Literacy Pro***

<http://au.scholastic.com/en/literacy-pro>

**School code:** J9QH

Student's login and password is glued on the last page of their diaries.



#### ***School Student Intra Website:***

<http://www.sjsnortham.wa.edu.au/>

Student's login and password is glued on the last page of their diaries.



### ***Spelling Words***

Each Tuesday a list of spelling words will be issued to your child. They will be practising these at school every day in the mornings. These words will be our focus in class and each child will be tested on the list every Monday. Spelling words will not be sent home.

#### **4. Sacramental Program**

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will be done during Religious Education lessons and will take place in Term 3.

**Year 4 First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018**



#### **5. MAJEC**

The MAJEC Program is our Christian Service Program. The children will be given a MAJEC card that they need to complete. Students will be required to complete Christian service activities with the home and community. They will be required to complete a minimum of 5 hours of service per year.

- Complete activity and record it in their diary (page 29)
- Hole punch one footprint for a 30 minute activity
- Complete a reflection on their activities in class by Term 4 Week 4.

#### **6. Parent Handbook**

All current policies are printed in the handbook please refer to them as necessary.

## **7. Uniform**

Children are expected to wear the correct St Joseph's uniform including footwear. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

The school has a very strict **NO HAT, NO PLAY** policy. Your child's hat needs to be in their bag; please ensure they bring them every day or leave them in their tubs at school.

## **8. Assemblies**

Assemblies are on Fridays at 8:45am in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre. The aim is fortnightly assemblies and parents are always welcome. If your child is receiving a merit certificate I will contact you to let you know either by phone or a note. Please check the school calendar for more information.

## **9. Birthdays**

I am happy for treats to be sent in for children's birthdays. If you are unsure as to 'what's best' please check with myself or Ali prior. We currently have 32 children in the class.



## **10. Behaviour Management**

Positive verbal feedback and encouragement will be strongly used in the classroom. Class Dojo points are earned when students are behaving positively. After 10 points (will increase as the term/year progresses) students are able to choose a prize from the prize box. Students also work towards a whole class incentive of earning 300 points as a whole class (again - will increase as the term/year progresses) which will give them 10-15 minutes of free time at the end of the week.

Severe behaviour issues will be dealt with by Mrs Rebecca Clarke, Head of Primary.

## **11. Some important dates**

- Inter-house swimming carnival (Year 4-6) - 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Year 4 Liturgy - Term 1 - 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 4 Assembly (Term 2 - Week 2) - 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Years 3 and 4 Rosary - 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Year 4 Visit to Schoenstatt Shrine
- Year 4 Assembly (Term 4 - Week 7) - 23<sup>rd</sup> November

## **Term Breaks:**

Term One - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

Term Two - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Term Three - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Last Day of School for 2018 is 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## **12. Questions**

**Thankyou!**