

2017 Parent Information Night

Year 3/4 - Kathy Pollard

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School – 96213500

Available:

- Monday (before school), Tuesday (before & after school), Wednesday (before & after school), Thursday (before school) or Friday (before 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 around (see dates and times above) for a brief chat, however, if you would like to have an in-depth discussion 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.

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.

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 Monday.

Timetable – Year 3/4 - 2017

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Primary Briefing in the staffroom @ 8.15			
8.30					
9.00 Period 1	(15min Spelling) Literacy	(15min Spelling) Literacy <i>Class iPads</i>	(15min Spelling) Literacy	(15min Spelling) Literacy	(15min Spelling) RE
9.55 Period 2	Literacy	Literacy <i>Class iPads</i>	Maths	ICT Computer Lab	PE/Health (Ms Higgs)
				Recess	
10.50	Recess Duty	Recess Duty	Recess	Technology Design	Recess
11.15 Period 3	RE	Literacy (Mr Brennan)	HASS (Mrs Ledger)	RE	ART
12.00	Maths	PE/Health (Ms Higgs)		Lunch Duty	
	Lunch	Lunch Duty	Lunch		Lunch Eating Duty
1.30 Period 5	Maths <i>2.00pm Library to Change Books (15 mins)</i>	RE	RE <i>Choir Year 4's?</i>	Science (Year 4's only)	ICT Computer Lab
2.20 Period 6	Maths	Maths	Indonesian (Mr Selvam)	Early Close 2:30	

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.

Assemblies

Assemblies are on Friday at 8:45am in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre (PAC). 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.

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 prior. We currently have 25 children in the class.

Behaviour Management

Positive verbal feedback and encouragement will be strongly used in the classroom. Dojo points, rewards such as free iPad, computer time and free time or fun class activities will also be used.

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

Parent Help

I am always happy to have helpers in the classroom. Listening to reading first thing in the morning will be our focus this term. A roster has been placed outside the classroom door. Please sign in at the office before coming to the classroom and bring your Parent Participation Levy Form for me to sign.

Excursions:

Excursions are a big part of our learning journey, whether it's local or in Perth. Our aim is to have 1 per Semester which will reflect what is being taught in class.

Religious Education:

Daily religion lessons will be based on the Primary Religious Education Units from the Perth Archdiocese.

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3 and 4):

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

Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance will take place during Religious Education lessons and will take place in Term 4.



Important Sacramental Dates:

Year 4 - First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) 27th August 2017

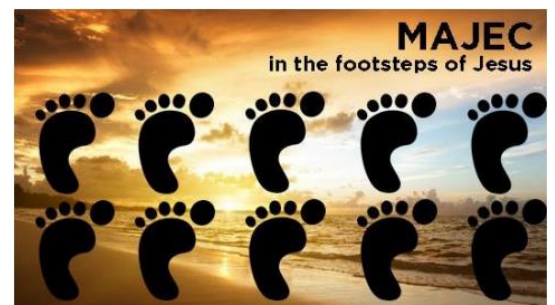
Year 3 - Penance (Confession) 9th November 2017

MAJEC (Marcellin, Joseph, Emilie Care)

Christian Service Learning Program:

Students will be required to complete Christian service activities within 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 22)
- Hole punch one footprint for a 30 minute activity
- Complete a reflection on their activities in class by Term 4 Week 4.





School Curriculum
and Standards
Authority

SCSA:

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

Western Australia's version of the Australian Curriculum

Curriculum Yearly Plan Year 3/4 (Note: Yearly plan can be subject to change):**

Religious Education:

Year 3:

- Term 1: Prayer, Jesus/Lent
- Term 2: Confirmation/Baptism
- Term 3: Eucharist/Church
- Term 4: Penance/Bible/Advent

Year 4:

- 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 - Years 3 and 4:

Literacy, Language and Literature

Grouped for spelling (Diana Rigg) and reading (Literacy Pro)

Term 1 - Writing persuasive texts and narratives

Term 2 - Reports & Recounts Texts

Year 3: NAPLAN in Term 2

Term 3 - Recounts & Review Texts in Term 3

Term 4 - Poetry & Performances Texts in Term 4

Mathematics - Years 3 and 4:

Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability

Oxford Big Ideas Mathematics (whole school program)

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

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

Year 3: NAPLAN in Term 2

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

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

Science

Earth and Space Science (T1), Biological Science (T2), Chemical Science (T3) and Physical Science (T4)

Year 3 Science taught by Ms Izzard – Year 4 Science taught by Ms Higgs

Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

Civics and Citizenship, Australian History and Traditional owners of Australia.

Years 3 and 4 - HASS taught by Mrs Catherine Ledger

The Arts

Years 3 and 4 - Visual (Semester 1) and Drama (Semester 2)

Technologies

Years 3 and 4 - Digital technologies (T1 & T2), Design and Technologies (T3 & T4)

Specialist Teachers:

Mr Brennan – English (Tuesday)

Mrs Ledger – Humanities and Social Sciences (Wednesday)

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

Ms Higgs – Science (Thursday)

Mr Selvam – Indonesian (Wednesday)

Assessment

Test books will be sent home once a term. Once you have looked through the tests 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

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. 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

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 3 – 30 minutes per night (reading and allocated homework)

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/>

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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.

