Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another semester at St. Joseph’s. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come for an interview – it’s always a great opportunity to discuss your child’s academic progress, but equally important their social/emotional development. We have an eleven week term with not as many extra-curricular activities and no public holidays. Below is an outline of the various curriculum areas that we will each be covering.

**Work continuing from term 2**

- Weekly prayer planned and implemented by children on a Thursday and Friday as per a roster system.
- Ministry group meetings and “go and do” work. Last semester each ministry group participated enthusiastically and achieved their goals. We look forward to hearing of their projects this term.
- Continuing our work on bullying, friendship skills virtues/values. We will also dive into our ‘Play is the Way’ concepts and games.
- Fortnightly visits to the Childers library.

**New areas of the curriculum in which we will be engaging in:**

**Mrs Hinton:** (Thursday and Friday)

- **Religion**
  - Mary Mackillop: We will research her life and the contributions she made to our Catholic Schools and the Josephite Sisters. Our assessment will be in the form of an oral presentation which can be dramatised, powerpoint presentation to the class, poster and talk etc.
- **English**
  - The children will write a biographical recount on an Australian person of interest who has made significant changes, implemented programs, inventions, political influences etc.
- **History**
  - Inquiry based learning surrounding the life and times of Australians from the early 1800’s – 1950’s. The learning tasks/lessons will be devised by the children in conjunction with me in the form of a matrix. This matrix is based on the Multiple Intelligences and Bloom’s Taxonomy. The assessment for this will be 8 work samples from the matrix and a negotiated task eg; diorama, digital brochure, canvas montage report etc, which demonstrates their learning on one particular content area (gold rush, politics, war, early settlers, migration, indigenous Australians).
- **Art**
  - The children will be engaged in photography for an hour each Friday morning with the ‘Childers ArtSpace’.
Mrs Lindsay (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

- Mathematics
  - Number and Algebra- multiplication/division, decimals, order convention, equations
  - Measurement – Volume, Time
  - Probability

- English
  - Narrative writing
  - Comprehension strategies

- Science – Forces and Simple Machines
  - Types of forces eg, gravity, friction, air resistance etc
  - Balanced and unbalanced forces
  - Types of simple machines and their uses eg pulley, lever, screw etc

- SOSE – Ancient Egypt

- Technology – “Lego” Robots (we are hoping to have a challenge day with Cordalba at the end of term – more details later)

  ✓ Health and Physical Education will be on a Thursday from 9:45-10:45am.
  ✓ Music on a Tuesday from 1:50-2:50pm.
  ✓ Our school library visits are scheduled in for Wednesdays.

Thanking you

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