



Stella Maris
Term 4, 2019



Foundation Community Newsletter



Welcome

On behalf of the teachers within the Foundation Community, we would like to thank everyone for such a smooth transition into term 4. The children have settled well and have begun their learning.

Student led learning conversations will be taking place later this term. This is an opportunity for your child to present their learning. These conversations will take place Tuesday 12th November. You will be notified of when the PTO booking system is up and ready to go.

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NO HAT NO PLAY

Just a reminder that term 4 requires all children to wear their hats during outside play. Please ensure that your child has their hat at school otherwise they will need to stay in the shade during recess and lunch time play.



Mathematics

Throughout the term, students will continue to investigate number, focusing on counting, exploring ways of breaking up numbers, doubling small numbers and representing mathematical thinking in different ways. We have begun the term by investigating 3D objects. Students will learn the different properties of cubes and spheres and therefore sort out the different objects into groups. We will then move into exploring the sequencing and duration of time. This will include how to tell o'clock times on both analogue and digital clocks and ordering the days of the week and months of the year. We will then revisit the concept of addition, building on our understanding that adding two collections together will result in a larger collection. Students will learn 'Partition of Ten' (two numbers that add together to make ten) and practice using this knowledge to solve simple addition problems. Some learning about subtraction will follow this unit. Students will be encouraged to make links between addition and subtraction, using their new knowledge of partitions of ten to solve subtraction word problems. We will then move onto equal groups and investigate the foundational multiplicative skills including groups and sharing. We will finish the term with some revision on all our number concepts, getting the students ready for another big year of learning in the Junior Community!



English

This term in English the Foundation Community will be exploring information texts. We will explore features of information texts through Shared Reading experiences. Your child will become familiar with words such as glossary, contents page and illustrations. They will also be comparing fiction and nonfiction texts.

We will continue to learn HOT WORDS and we strongly encourage your child to continue learning how to read and write these words.

Exciting times for our students as they have been given their 'dotted thirds' books! They will use these books to write in as part of their preparation for moving into the junior community.

We are extremely proud of the effort and improvement that all of our students have put in across the year in regards to their reading and writing and are looking forward to another great term of learning!



Inquiry

This term in Inquiry the Foundation students will be exploring the concept of Sustainability. Students will discover that all actions have an impact on the environment whether they are positive or negative. We will discover ways we can care for the environment at Stella Maris. Students will create goals they wish to work on to be more sustainable. We are excited to have Mini environmental warriors in the Foundation community and we look forward to them sharing their new learning and the importance taking care of our environment with the 2020 Foundation community

ADVENT

Term 4 will see the Foundation Students explore the season of Advent. Advent marks the four weeks before Christmas and is a special time for the students to think about their own actions as they develop their awareness of the true meaning of Christmas. Therefore, in celebration of Advent, we invite the Foundation parents to join us in special Advent prayers **every Monday morning from the 25th of November until the last Monday of term**. For more information, feel free to speak with your child's classroom teacher. More information will be provided in the school newsletter closer to the date.



Religion

This term in Religion the Foundation community will explore the concept of Sustainability from the perspective of the Catholic Church. We will explore the importance of taking care of God's creations and how helping the environment can also help those less fortunate.



Positive Education

In Positive Education this term, students will revisit the recognition and expression of emotions. They will identify characteristics between positive and negative emotions and explore positive strategies they can use to regulate their emotions in everyday situations. This is important as students will use these strategies as appropriate tools to control their emotions so that they can build positive relationships and work collaboratively with others.

This term, there will be a heavy focus on the character strength of 'Teamwork'. Students will explore how they can contribute in a positive way as a member of a group. With this understanding, students will explore ways they can use their character strength of Teamwork to make a positive impact on our environment.

We will continue to create a positive learning environment through weekly class meetings with a strong focus this term on the Character Strengths explored in the Foundation Community.

