



Kindergarten 2017 Term Three Overview

Welcome to Kindergarten for Term Three!

This term we will focus on an inquiry question which the students decided they would like to know more about. The question they created is: **'What came before us?'** Throughout the term we will focus on the prehistoric era, Aboriginal culture and what it was like in the olden days.

Literacy

This term we will continue to develop our oral language skills through our play-based learning environment as well as through explicit modelling and teaching. The students have loved doing object-based news each week and this will continue throughout Term Three.

We will also continue to learn different letters in the alphabet and develop the ability to say them correctly. We will use a range of songs and hand-on manipulatives to strengthen our knowledge of letters and sounds.

We will also continue to explore a range of stories and discuss the concepts of print. Later in the term, we will look at dreamtime stories from Aboriginal culture.

We will also continue to develop our fine motor skills and strengthen our hand muscles to help us when we start learning how to write.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will continue to learn about numbers. We will start looking at numbers on a number line and try to work out missing numbers. We will start to use the mathematical words less than and more than and count objects using one-to-one correspondence beyond 10.

The students will also be given opportunities to play and experiment with money by setting up shops within our classroom. We will also work with our Year Three Buddies to practice writing our numerals from 1-10.

Science

The Little Scientist Program is based on the idea that children need to be provided the opportunity to explore the world in a nurturing and playful setting that boosts their natural eagerness to learn. At St Pius we believe this is best done by encouraging an active learning environment, where early childhood educators and teachers are learning facilitators and the children undertake the actual learning, problem-solving, exploration and research themselves in order to develop their scientific skills.

Year Two teacher, Miss Claire Arnold, has undertaken the training for this program and is excited to be introducing this to the kindy students this term. The theme of The Little Scientist Program for this term in kindy will be based on the property of water.

Social Skills

Our social skills will continue to be developed through play-based learning experiences. We will continue to develop skills which allow the children to share with each other, take turns and talk to others kindly. Within our kindy environment, the students are becoming aware that it is important that we treat each other with kindness.

Religious Education

In Religious Education we will begin to understand that the Bible is a special book with stories about God and Jesus. We will read some stories from the Bible and discuss what they mean and how they show that Jesus loves us.

The children and the teachers are very excited to be in kindy this term!

