Year 3 Term 1, 2016 Overview

**Literacy:**
For the first half of the term we will be focusing on **Narrative** structure in both reading and writing. In the latter half of the term we will focus on **Persuasive** texts.

**Reading comprehension:** focusing on comprehension skills eg. skimming/scanning text, identifying text type, identifying point of view, ‘read around’ the text, rule out wrong answers.

**Spelling:** we are using the Diana Rigg spelling programme. Our initial focus will be on consolidating sound families from Year 2 and then extending on these.

**Grammar:** identifying adjectives, verbs, nouns; homophones; simple editing skills; building better sentences.

**Maths:**
Daily Mental Maths
Revision of number facts – bonds to 10/100; numbers before/after, skip counting in 2, 5, 10
Times tables – 2, 5, 10, 11; introduce 3 & 4; the turn-around rule
Addition and subtraction (beginning with 2 digit with/without trading and building to 3/4 digit)
Measurement – exploring metres, centimetres, millimetres; capacity, volume
Space – 2D and 3D shapes
Chance and Data – recording information and creating simple tables
Telling time – revision of half past, quarter to/past; telling time to 5 mins

**Religion:**
Reconciliation (Christian Conscience) – Reconciliation will be a primary focus of our term, culminating in the children making their First Reconciliation in Week 7. The main message we aim to pass on is of God's all-encompassing love for us. We encourage children to listen to their conscience and to make good choices; to love God and love others.

Loving Like Jesus (Easter) – the Easter unit focuses on our preparation for Holy Week and the fascinating stories and acts of love and faith shown by Jesus and his disciples during this time.

**Society & Environment:**
Geography: becoming familiar with Australia the continent, its states and territories.

**Health:** Mindfulness: this term we will be using the ‘MindUp’ programme, building social and emotional intelligences, focusing on mindful awareness, positivity, respect and reflection.

**Important Dates for Term 1:**
Tuesday 9th Feb – Parent Information Night
Wednesday 10th Feb – Ash Wednesday Mass
Sat 27th & Sun 28th Feb – Reconciliation Commitment Masses
Thursday 17th March – Reconciliation @ 6pm

*Please note: there will be two long weekends this term. Please check the school calendar for further details.*