Welcome back to the final term of 2014! This will be an exciting term of learning and special events for Year 6 students. Below is an outline of the topics we will be covering.

**Religious Education**

Our first module this term is ‘Missioning Rite’. This module will challenge students to seek ways to bring about the Kingdom of God through living out the virtues such as compassion, love, and forgiveness. Our second module is ‘Advent to Christmas’.

**For Advent**: students will reflect on the symbolism of the Jesse Tree, using the readings of Advent. During this module students will focus on Jesus’ ancestry and the key biblical characters that feature in this.

**For Christmas**: Christmas is the fulfilment of God’s promise of salvation and students are invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus. Students will also explore their responsibilities as a member of a Christian family during Advent and Christmas.

**Year 6 Reflection and Spirituality Day** – This day will be used to track the children’s journey through their Primary years and onto the transition to High School. Year 6 teachers will facilitate the day.

**Literacy**

**Reading**:  
This term we will be focussing on Narratives in the form of Australian bush ballads, short stories and film.

**Spelling**:  
Spelling in Term 4 will continue to follow the Sound Waves program. A specific focus will be on proofreading and using a variety of strategies to correct spelling errors.

**Handwriting**:  
The children will have the opportunity to practise their cursive handwriting skills during explicit lessons; however handwriting practice will take place in all areas of the curriculum. There is an emphasis on using joined handwriting at all times as well as producing a high standard of bookwork.

**Writing**:  
Grammar conventions and punctuation are taught through writing. In class the children are also involved in the construction of shared and independent texts. Texts to be covered this term are narratives, biographies and poetry. We will continue focussing on creating extended and complex sentences in all pieces of writing.

**Mathematics**

This term we will explicitly be focussing on problem solving in our teacher focus groups. Focussed teacher groups will continue through the Year 6 classes for the rest of the year. The following strand topics will be covered in Term 4 Maths sessions – Time, 3D Shapes, Patterns and Algebra, 2D Space and Chance.
**Human Society and its Environment**

Our HSIE unit this term is ‘What historical events have shaped our Australian identity?’ This unit will cover the questions: What is an Australian identity? What are the key historical events in Australian history? How do we express and celebrate the Australian identity? Children need to understand the past in order to have a greater understanding of their world today. This unit provides opportunities to understand how events have shaped their own lives and lives of others. We are looking forward to exploring our Australian identity through our excursion to Bathurst.

**Creative Arts**

Creative Arts this term will be based around the theme of gold, Australian identity and Australian artists linking with our HSIE unit on Australian events. We will be focussing on famous Australian artists such as Sidney Nolan and Frederick McCubbin. Children will be involved in using a variety of mediums including painting, collage, sketching and design. Students also have music/dance lessons with Susan Rudd once a week.

**Personal Development Health and Physical Education**

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our PBL lessons will cover the rule CARING FOR OTHERS with the main focus this term seeing our Year 6 students lead the Respectful Relationships Groups each Monday. Children will focus on Resilience during the group sessions.

Later in the term, students will continue to explore positive personal relationships through the Personal Power unit which is about recognising abuse and the role of power in relationships.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday and Friday. Our class sport lessons on a Wednesday will involve the children participating in circuit activities based on cardio fitness and skill development.

**Technology**

In Year 6, there is a major focus on integrating information technology across the curriculum. Children will use a variety of technology on a weekly basis. We will continue to use the class Blog as a means of communication as well as a celebration of the children’s learning. Please access the Blog at www.year6mw.blogspot.com.au. There is also a link to the Blog on our Year 6 Class Page on the school website.

**Homework**

Students are expected to continue their nightly reading (recording pages read in their diary) and complete one unit of Maths Mentals per week. Year Six will also complete a scrapbook of photos and memories of their years at Primary School. All homework is due on a Friday.
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If you have any further questions or inquiries please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to see us. Year 6 have been wonderful representatives of Sacred Heart and we hope to finish our year together promoting our motto of Living, Loving and Learning.

Thanking you for your ongoing support

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