

## Specialist Programs

Physical Education, Music, Mandarin and Visual Arts are our 'Specialist Areas' this term. Music will see the students playing a variety of instruments, including piano, melodica and recorder. Instrumental practice will be intergrated with classroom activities.

Mr Pashos will assist teachers to run our Physical Education sessions, joining with Xavier or MacKillop class.

In Art this term students will further explore the elements of line and colour. using acrylic paint, Students will mix shades and tints of warm and cool colours to create artworks.

Mandarin will be continued on-line and supported with classroom sessions. Our teacher is Jessica Li (Li Lauchi).

## Dates to Remember

*Tuesdays*      *Mandarin and Phys Ed  
Journey of Hope*  
*Wednesdays*      *Visual Arts and Music*

*Wednesday next week 10th Feb  
Beginning of Year Mass—9:30am in Church  
ALL WELCOME*

*As Covid restrictions ease we will expand the students' learning experiences through excursions and incursions. Please watch for messages and updates.*

## Movement and Mindful Programs

*We are beginning each morning with movement and brain activating activities. This involves staff with the students and is already making a bright start to each day.*

*When the classes return after break times they all engage in calming activities which assist in the transition from outside to inside activities. This supports development of strategies and practices to promote mental health throughout life.*



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**COLMAN**

Welcome back everyone! The students have quickly adjusted to the new structures for this term. They have returned to school with abundant energy and enthusiasm.

Remember that teachers enjoy discussing student learning with parents.

The class teachers for Colman this year are Peter May and Jenny Miralles



*The 5Cs— These are used for whole-school positive behaviour  
Helping students to develop characteristics to succeed.  
**Calm, Confident, Creative, Curious  
& Caring.***

## Religious Education

In Religious Education students will explore "The Life of Jesus" They will be encouraged to relate the teachings of Jesus to the choices they make in their daily lives. We have RE sessions most days and will be resuming our regular school masses when the restrictions allow this.

### Integrated Studies:

This term students will look at changes through the history of technologies, languages and attitudes.



### Literacy:

We have a ninety minute block for Literacy each morning. Rotations of groups through a range of phonic based and teacher supported activities will be followed by Writers' Workshop. Students will be monitored and guided through reading levels. Reading at home also has a big impact on student progress.

### Mathematics

Each week the class will explore a new topic to develop their mathematical thinking. They will follow this with a range of activities which develop their skills in problem solving, measuring, recording and finding patterns in number.

We will be developing efficient thinking through regular practice of solving equations and learning multiplication tables.



## Home Expectations

Shared Reading from a book each night is an excellent way for your child to expand reading skills. This should be fun and a regular part of most evenings. Homework for this level is not set by the school but the expectation is for families to explore the abundance of mathematical concepts encountered in daily life.

