**Years 2&3S Overview Term 1**

**English**

*Reading and Viewing*
This term we will be working on building skills especially in Comprehension. Focus teaching sessions will build children’s ability to understand and discuss aspects of texts related to character and plot. Children will then use their skills to assist with researching while developing understandings during their integrated topic.

*Writing*
The overall focus for the Writing Program this term will be on developing routines and procedures within the daily writing sessions. These will include: handwriting practise, scheduled conferences and independent writing. We will be focussing on the structure and features of Narrative writing.

Spelling will be taught through the use of various strategies and programs including THRASS and CHIMP.

*Speaking & Listening*
This term the students will be learning about and using appropriate language, posture and volume when speaking in front of groups and the whole class.

**Maths**
Aspects to be covered this term will include:

**Number and Algebra**
Extending numbers based on place value
Renaming and ordering numbers to 1000
Addition and Subtraction strategies
Rounding numbers

**Religion**

*Making Choices*
Key understandings:
- Human beings are created in the image of God and are unique.
- Each person has dignity, rights and responsibilities.
- Each person has the capacity to make choices.

*Lent and Easter – A Time for Hope*
Key understandings:
- We can follow Jesus by loving and giving ourselves.
- Remember and celebrate that Jesus shared the gift of himself in his Last Supper and in his death and resurrection.

**Integrated Studies**

*Our Story*
Key Understandings
Who lived here first and how do we know?
How has our community changed?
What features have been lost and what features have been retained?
What is the nature of the contribution made by different groups and individuals in the community?

**Physical Education**
In PE sessions the children will be working on building their skills in:
Co-operation and team work
Various athletic events

**Art**
During Art this term students will be learning about colour, line and shape which will be linked to their Inquiry unit and working on their Art scrapbooks. Later in the term we will be involved in creating and making Easter Art and getting started on ANZAC related Art. Please remember to pack a smock.

**Performing Arts**
Drama – Confidence in communicating. We will be spending a lot of time talking!!! We will be exploring how we can use our voices through games, script reading and performing. We will also be learning liturgical songs in preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Social and Emotional Learning**
This term the students will develop behaviour protocols within the classroom, based on our school rules. They will also focus on skills to assist them for lifelong learning such as resilience and persistence.

**Information & Communications Technology (computers)**
The focus will be on developing skills in
- Saving work
- Reviewing basic word processing procedures when using Microsoft Word
- When using the Internet, Logging on and Logging off using own user name and password
- Accessing ‘myclasses’
- Using Microsoft Word (Word Art and Borders/Shading) to create a title page for their “Writer’s Gift”
- Use Studyladder to reinforce concepts taught in class.