Year 4/5H
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Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to 2017 and a new year of learning. We hope all families have had a lovely break over Christmas. Year four/five have a busy and exciting year ahead.

A little bit about me:
I have been teaching for 20 years and I have had lots of experience teaching composite classes at Sacred Heart Central School, Cootamundra and Trinity Primary School, Murrumburrah. I am looking forward to a great year with your children.
This year we are extending our Virtues Project to foster a Growth Mindset classroom environment. We look forward to hearing about the discussions you hold at home about this as the year progresses.

Below is a brief outline of the topics that will be covered in each subject area for this term.

**Religion**
- This term we are exploring God's Call to Reconcile and through this, students will identify God's reconciling love and the ways they are called to action through their relationships with others and creation.

**English**
- Our focus this term is on adventure narratives. The children will be identifying features composers use to construct an adventure story and how to make it exciting so we can use the same techniques in our own writing. We will also be spending considerable time enjoying our reading and practicing our reading skills and comprehension strategies. We will continue using a school wide spelling and grammar program, Sound Waves and Grammar Rules.

**Mathematics**
- We will be covering all strands of Mathematics this term with the goal to strengthen the children's knowledge and skills. The students will continue to be involved in learning their multiplication tables, number facts (incorporating our new iPads) along with a hands-on approach to learning new concepts.

**History**
- Our historical inquiry this term ventures into why Europeans settled in Australia. This will involve developing students' research and communication skills.

**Science**
- "How does the environment impact the survival of living things?" is our scientific inquiry this term. Through this we will investigate rainforests and the adaptations of plants and animals.

**Technology**
- Year Five will undertake an internet safety program and then begin to utilize their iPads across all subject areas. In view of this exciting new learning experience, we're keen to share with you our journey, so please ask your children on a regular basis to share with you the learning that has occurred during the day using our iPads.

**Creative Arts**
- Our Creative Arts this term will be linked to our historical and Science inquiries. We will appreciate and create visual and dramatic representations of our understanding of these units.

**PDHPE**
- Mrs Bolger will be working with the students on Personal Development, Health and Protective Behaviours on a Wednesday morning. (alternate weeks)
- Mrs Amy Ryal will be providing fundamental skills development including fitness, lawn bowls, soccer and cross country through weekly sessions

**Homework**
- Children will be expected to read every night and complete a unit in their Maths Mentals book each week. Homework will be handed out on Monday and due back the following Friday. In Week 3, students will have the opportunity to be creative and explore their interests by completing activities from a homework grid. Please check the new school diaries in between for any extras!!

I would love to hear from you with feedback, concerns or questions via email or contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher Conferences – 6th and 7th February.

Jodie Heggaton