**English**

**Reading:** Children are assessed regularly and readers are matched to their ability. During reading groups children are involved in a variety of activities to support their reading comprehension strategies.

**Writing:** This term students will be learning how to write a narrative. Handwriting activities will also occur.

**Spelling:** Spelling lists include sight words, word family words, blends and digraphs.

**Religion**

**St Madeleine:** Students will understand the qualities of a saint and appreciate that our school is named after St Madeleine.

**Growing Together:** Children will learn that Lent is a special time to grow and change, as we get ready for Easter.

**The Last Supper:** In this unit students will relate the story of the Last Supper to their own family’s celebration of meals and the Parish community’s celebration of the Eucharist.

**Curriculum Overview**

**Year 1 Term 1 2016**

**Science**

"Schoolyard Safari"

In this unit children identify and explore small animals and insects in our school environment. Through a variety of hands-on investigations, they will identify and describe their habitats, diet and unique features.

**Mathematics**

During Term 1 the following areas will be covered:

**Number:** Whole Numbers, Addition.

**Patterns and Algebra:** Patterns

**Space and Geometry:** 2D shapes

**Measurement:** Time

**History**

"Past and Present Family Life"

This unit of work will be completed throughout Semester 1. During Term 1 students will investigate the roles of present family members and compare them with the roles of earlier generations. They will explore how their lives are similar or different from their parents and grandparents.

**PDHPE**

In weekly Physical Education lessons Mr Nikitas Papastamatis will teach locomotor and manipulative skills (catching & throwing) and prepare children for Cross Country.

On Wednesdays students will participate in ‘Dance Fever’ - a whole school dance program. In Personal Development the unit is “Who am I?” Topics include: likes, dislikes, groups we belong to and caring for our bodies.

**Creative Arts**

**Visual Arts:** Students will explore the pop artwork of Andy Warhol and create artworks using similar techniques.

**Music & Drama:** Students will have a weekly lesson with Mr Mark Simpfendorfer covering a variety of musical concepts. He will also lead drama activities building characterisation skills.

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**Year Teachers**

**1H: Mrs Holm**

**1I: Miss Irvine**

**Routines**

**Sport Uniform:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Homework:** Due Friday