



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, KINDERGARTEN, TERM 4 2025

Curriculum Overview



SPECIAL EVENTS/MESSAGES

Mon 13 Oct– Pupil free day
Wed 22 Oct – Sports and Cultural Photos
Fri 24 Oct – Boorowa Netball & Touch Carnival
Sat 25 Oct – Confirmation Mass @6pm
Fri 31 Oct – Fete Mufti Day
Sat 1 Nov – All Saints Day
Sat 1 Nov – Jubilee Mass + Multicultural Night
Sun 2 Nov – All Souls Day
Mon 3 Nov – SCC Open Meeting @6pm
Sat 8 Nov – St Thomas School and Parish Fete
Mon 10 Nov- Fri 21 Nov – Swimming
1 – 3 Dec – Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 4 Dec Class Mass @9:30am
Thurs 11 Dec – Carols Night
Frid 12 Dec Kinder Nativity @2pm
Fri 12 Dec – Reports sent home
Mon 15 Dec – Colour Run
Thurs 18 Dec – Meet the teacher for 2026
Thurs 18 Dec – Last day of school for students

RELIGION

We will be continuing our unit *Exploring God's creation leads to discovering its beauty and goodness* from Term 3. In week 4, we will start our final unit, *Important times in the life of believers are recognised by the Church through celebrations and rituals* with a heavy focus on preparing for our nativity.

ENGLISH

Students continue to explicitly learn the initial code of the alphabet through the InitialLit program. Our writing program will be linked to four engaging picture books: *The Gruffalo*, *My Two Blankets*, *Are we there yet?* and *Somebody's Land*. Through each unit, students will strengthen their sentence writing skills and learn to expand their ideas using strategies from *The Writing Revolution*.

Students engage in daily handwriting practice. Students develop an understanding of the components of a sentence and expand simple sentences to add detail.

Students regularly revise content through whole class daily review.

MATHEMATICS

Students engage in explicit lessons, written by Ochre Education and adapted by their teachers to suit the needs of the class.

Students will focus on:

- ☐ Number- Counting and recognising numbers to 20. Addition and Subtraction within 10.
- ☐ Measurement- comparing the length capacity and mass of various objects.
- ☐ Algebra- copy and continue repeating patterns.

SCIENCE

This term we are teaching Physics. The unit focuses on the way objects move.

HEALTH

Students will be involved in Kindness Circles in Weeks 2-4, where they engage in social learning with their buddy and other students across various grades in the school. Students will complete one lesson each week as part of the Resilience Project. This will be supported by daily practice in the classroom. Students will also complete lessons as part of Protective Behaviours program from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

THE ARTS

The Arts (Visual Arts)/Dance – Bianca Breen,
Music/Drama – Mr Ryan
Media Arts/STEM – Mrs Rootes in Library

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Sport Days: Wednesday and Friday Swimming

Beginning Monday Week 5 (10 November) and ending Friday Week 6 (21 November). Please read the below dot points regarding swimming:

- ☐ Come to school with swimmers under uniform
- ☐ Bring a swim bag with towel, spare plastic bag for wet clothes, goggles, thongs/ slides/ crocs and underwear
- ☐ Clearly label everything your child is wearing and is in their bag
- ☐ Pack extra food in your child's lunchbox as they tend to get very hungry.

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The students will be involved in Active Australia from weeks 5-10. The Year 5/6 students lead each group, with the students rotating through different physical activities each week. In our class lessons, we will focus on developing skipping skills using skipping ropes, as well as building teamwork, enhancing gross motor skills, and practicing rule-following through a variety of physical games.

LIBRARY

Students attend library lessons each week on a **Thursday**. We will be borrowing on even weeks (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10).

Please provide a library bag for this lesson each week.



UNIFORM

Please ensure your child attends school each day in the correct uniform. See <https://www.sttap.act.edu.au/school-uniform> for clarification. Notes will go home as a reminder if your child attends school in the incorrect uniform.

Hats: Hats are compulsory during outdoor activities, including recess and lunch. The only exception to this rule is during June and July when hats are optional.

HOMEWORK

Students will receive 2 readers on a **Thursday** along with a booklet that includes tricky words and handwriting pages to practice. We have

removed the recording sheets as everyone is familiar with the process now. Please note if readers are returned after Thursday, we will keep them to the following Thursday.

CANTEEN

Please be aware of how much food is ordered from the canteen as some students cannot finish all the food in the required time and are eating in class.

Snack items included in lunch orders should be collected by students at **recess** to give them the chance to eat all items for the day.

The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and orders can be placed via the Flexischools App (please download). Cash orders will only be accepted at recess. Lunch is for pick up of orders only.

NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE:

If your child arrives after the bell in the morning, please sign them in at the Front Office.

Please log any absences through the online Compass App at your earliest convenience.

LUNCH BOXES:

Please include only recess and lunch in your child's lunchbox with a **separate container, or a piece of fruit (banana or apple) for their fruit break**. This allows easy access during learning time which is when fruit break occurs.

Please ensure your child has a full, labelled drink bottle daily.

LABELLING:

Please label all your child's uniform items, containers, and belongings.

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