



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, YEAR 3/4, 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
Thurs 30 Oct – League Tag Carnival
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
Friday 7 Nov – 3/4V Community Prayer @2:30pm
Sat 8 Nov – St Thomas School and Parish Fete
Friday 14 Nov 3/4 G and H Assembly @2:30pm
1 – 3 Dec – Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 11 Dec – Carols Night
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

In Religion this term, our unit focuses on community and belonging within the Catholic tradition. Students will explore what it means to be part of a community and how the history of a community shapes its identity today. They will learn about significant people in the Church, both past and present, who have helped guide and strengthen the faith of others.

ENGLISH

This Term 3/4 will be reading *The One and Only Ivan*. During English lessons, students will participate in Spelling Mastery, Oral Reading Fluency, Daily Review, explicit Grammar and Handwriting lessons and explicit Novel Study lessons focusing on sentence structure and language features.

MATHEMATICS

Year 3/4 will continue teaching explicit lessons using the Ochre Education units and build student's number fluency using Rocket Maths. Students will separate into grade level classes for these sessions, ensuring they engage with content appropriate to their stage of learning.

Our Maths lessons will involve whole class, teacher directed lessons and small group activities. There are opportunities for children to participate in enrichment or intervention where appropriate.

SCIENCE

Students will explore and describe the properties of materials. They will learn how to identify key properties of natural materials, name and classify materials in their surrounding environments, and compare their physical characteristics. Students will also conduct experiments to test and compare the properties of natural and made materials, such as strength, elasticity, and heat resistance.

HEALTH

Students will be completing one lesson as a part of the Resilience Project each week. This will be supported with daily practice in the classroom. The focus in Year 3/4 is around gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.

At the beginning of each term, students will participate in a protective behaviour program from the Daniel Morcombe foundation.

HASS

Students will engage in a history unit on The Birth of Democracy. They will explore the civilisation of Ancient Greece and examining the conditions of life that led to the development of Athenian democracy.

DESIGN AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Students will participate in weekly STEM lessons with Mrs Rootes (3/4G) and Mr Mooney (3/4KP, 3/4V, 3/4H).

THE ARTS

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Sports days are **Tuesdays and Fridays**.

St Thomas will be participating in the following sport activities:

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- ☐ Bike Safety program weeks 1-4, Tuesday and Friday,
- ☐ Swimming lesson between weeks 5-6
- ☐ Active Australia **week 7 - 10 (to be decided)**

SPANISH

Students will participate in Spanish lessons each week on a Tuesday with Mr Mooney (3/4H, 3/4V, 3/4G) and Ms Miller (3/4KP)

LIBRARY

Students attend library lessons each week on a **Wednesday**. 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

Homework will be set weekly on Mondays, unless there is a public holiday, in which case it will be a Tuesday. **Homework books are to be returned on a Friday.**

Each week students are to:

- ☐ Read aloud for 30 minutes 5x a week.
- ☐ Complete Maths Online lessons and questions.
- ☐ Complete literacy activity. This could be a spelling activity or reading comprehension.
- ☐ Write 3 things that went well each day.

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

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

It is really important for your child to arrive at school on time each day. Even a small amount of time missed can add up over the term and take away from valuable learning. The first few minutes of the day are especially important for helping students settle into routines, connect with their teachers and friends, and get ready for a positive day of learning.

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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