RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
TOPIC OUTLINE
GRADE 4
TERM 1, 2016

UNITS:

God’s greatest Commandment: God’s greatest commandment is to ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.

Lent & Ash Wednesday: Lent is a time when we remember what Jesus said, “Repent and believe the Good News.” The ashes on our heads remind us of God’s love.

Holy Week/Forgiveness: The people in the events of Holy Week had choices and made decisions.

Assessment: Lent

Main Idea: Lent is a time when we remember what Jesus said, “Repent and believe the Good News.”

We hope that the children at the end of this unit will:

• Revisit their knowledge and understanding of the season of Lent.
• Learn about the colours, symbols and actions of Ash Wednesday and Lent (eg: praying, fasting and almsgiving).
• Deepen their knowledge about Lent and make connections about how Lent is lived out in their lives (eg: Donating to Project Compassion).

Things your child will learn:

• Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent.
• On Ash Wednesday we are marked with the sign of the cross.
• Lent is a time when the faith community prepares for Easter.
• Lent is a special season in the church’s life – when we pray, do penance and share with other (eg: Project Compassion).
• Lent is a time to pray with Jesus for the strength and courage to listen to God’s Word.
• During Lent we make an effort to do something to show that we want to Repent and change our lives.
• We need to keep turning back to God – repent.

Things your child will do to show what they have learnt:

• Brainstorm ideas about Ash Wednesday and Lent.
• Discuss the Liturgical colours and their meaning.
• Reflect and respond in various ways about the meaning of Lent in their own lives and how they repent.