



# St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 2 2017

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## WELCOME TO TERM 2

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



### Teachers:

Mrs. Anne Barbic	3/4B
Mrs. Penny Vanzwol	3/4VL
Miss. Leyrizza Leyes	
Mr. Matthew Lowe	3/4L

*Welcome to Term 2. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the blessings of the Easter season and had a restful holiday period. We look forward to continuing working with you to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year.*

### Curriculum:

**Religion** - Our overarching theme for 2017 is Follow Jesus' Way. Our Religious Education unit in Term 2 is called "God's Image Is..." Students will come to know something of the nature of God through the images provided in Sacred Scripture. Module prayer on Fridays will continue to be an important part of our Religious Education Program. Family members are welcome to join us in the library at 9am each Friday. Keep an eye to the school calendar as there will be some Friday mornings when we will attend parish mass.

**Integrated Unit** - Our Integrated Unit for this term is "Look At What We Have". This is a Science Unit with a focus on sustainability. They will consider the importance of habitats for animals and plants as they research a national park. Students will consider how animals have adapted to their environment and how we can help endangered animals to survive. We are organising an excursion to the Botanic Gardens mid-term...date TBC.

**English** - In English the children will be immersed in a variety of literary forms which will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing and oral language. The children will concentrate on developing the skills required to read and write persuasive and narrative texts. Spelling is an integral part of daily Literacy Blocks and in ICT the children will develop their word processing and keyboard skills.

**Creative Arts** - Our Creative Arts Program links closely to our Integrated Unit. We will be exploring how Creative Arts was and is used to convey a message and explore how recycled materials can be used creatively.

**Mathematics** - This term we will be covering all strands of the Australian Curriculum. Concepts to be covered include, number, patterns and place value, measurement, space and geometry. Mark Bazzana will provide additional assistance during the week, allowing the creation of four Mathematics classes, four days a week.

**Home Learning / Home Reading** - Formal homework for Year 3/4 includes reading, spelling and number practice. Students are encouraged to read a wide variety of rich literature at home and are expected to read every night. Students will need to return their reading diaries daily.

### Days to Remember:

**Sports Days** - Tuesday (Footsteps) & Friday

**Library & Indonesian** - Wednesday

**Chess** - Wednesday

**School Prayer** - Monday morning in the Church (3/4VL week 2, 3/4B Week 3, 3/4 L Week 4)

**Module Prayer** - Friday mornings in the Library

### Important Dates for Term 2:

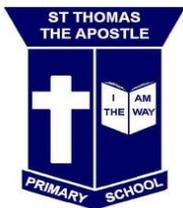
- Mother's Day Breakfast, Friday 12th May, **Week 3**

- Larry Brandy Indigenous Performance, Friday 12th May, **Week 3**

- Athletics Carnival - Friday 19th May, **Week 4**

### Special Points to remember:

- All items of clothing must be labeled—especially Hats and Jumpers.
- Children have fruit break every morning so please provide a small snack.
- Please provide an absence note if your child is absent within 3 days of return.



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**Physical Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)** - This term we will focus on preparing for the Athletics Carnival and fundamental skills required for a variety of sports.

The children will participate in a Protective Behaviours unit and lessons focussing on establishing and maintaining sound relationships with their classmates and peers. "Footsteps" dance classes will be on Tuesdays.

The children need to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We have a fruit break during the morning session and encourage the students to bring small pieces of non-messy fruit/vegetables, cut and in a labelled re-useable container.

**Uniforms-** Children are expected to be in full, correct school or sport uniform at all times. This includes socks that rest above the ankles. Children out of correct uniform on any given day should bring a note from home so that we know that the parents are aware of what the child is wearing on that day.

The St Thomas' broad-brim or legionnaire style hat are part of the full school uniform and are required to participate in playground and outdoor school activities. Any child who does not have a correct school hat will be supervised, whilst sitting in a shaded area of the school. A baseball style cap is not a substitute for a school hat.

Jewellery, outside of studs or sleepers in the ears, a wristwatch and/or a simple cross necklace, is not permitted, as is any form of make-up and/or nail polish. If there has been a need for these items over the course of a weekend or during the week they should be removed before the next school day.

**Absences from School** - When your child is absent for whatever reason, a note must be sent to school, even if the school has been informed by phone. This written and signed note of explanation is a legal requirement for school rolls. Please note that we also accept emails or a note sent via the 'Skoolbag' app.

**Incidentals** - All medication must be held by the Front Office and detailed instructions must be provided.

- We would like to remind you that the **children are not to bring toys to school**. This includes personal sports equipment, swap cards and any other current-trend bracelets or tokens
- If your child needs a mobile phone for before or after school use, it must be handed into the classroom teacher each morning.
- Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school when packing your child's lunch and providing birthday treats. There are children in Year 3/4 who have serious nut allergies.
- If you haven't already downloaded the 'Skoolbag' app we suggest you do as this provides regular updates of school happenings. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the School's website.

## **Meeting Your Child's Teacher** -

We are always happy to talk to you about your child. Whilst it may be tempting to grab a quick word in the morning, please remember that we can be on duty or preparing for class at these times, and are often unable to give you the time or attention that you and your child deserves. We ask instead that you arrange an appointment by contacting the front office, either by email, phone call or note. We can then arrange a time to talk by phone or schedule a face to face meeting where we can give you our undivided attention.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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