



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 2 2017- Kindergarten

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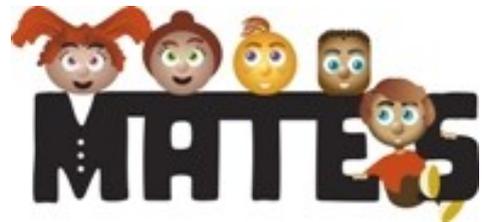
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WELCOME TO 2017

Mates Are:
Thoughtful,
Engaged,
Safe



Teachers

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Welcome back! We hope you and your families had a lovely holiday break. We have had a wonderful start to the Kindergarten year and we are looking forward to a great new Term of learning.

Curriculum:

Religion - Our Term Two unit is "Church as Family". Students will learn about the Church and School as being part of God's family. They will gather and share information about families.

Literacy - Within the literacy program this term we aim to instil within students a love and appreciation for literature, while supporting them in their development of reading and writing texts. We aim to have a focus on literature about teddy bears to engage students in their learning. This will culminate in our Teddy Bears' Picnic. The students will continue to participate in literacy groups and bring home reading books, and sight words to practise their reading.

Mathematics - Throughout the term students will explore patterns, shape, measurement and learn to collect data. There will be an emphasis on counting, recognising and representing numbers. Students will begin to explore simple addition and sharing problems using concrete material.

Integrated Unit- "Sustainability"- Students will learn the actions that they can take to help sustain our environment. The unit particularly focusses on addressing outcomes from the National Curriculum in the areas of Geography and Science.

Health/Physical Education- *Students are required to wear their Sport Uniform on Mondays and Thursdays.* On Mondays we will participate in the Footsteps Dance Program lead by a qualified Instructor. On Thursdays, we will engage in team sports and gross motor activities to develop skill and peer cooperation. Social and Emotional Learning will be encouraged during our Second Steps Program. We will also have time allocated to spend with our Year 5 Buddies as part of our whole school Peer Support program.

Arts - Students will attend music lessons once a week for 45 minutes with Mrs Zita Clifford. Drama and Visual Arts will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment. Our excursion to Canberra Theatre will assist us in exploring and appreciating the Performing Arts and Literature.

Indonesian - Students attend Indonesian lessons every Tuesday with Mrs Zita Clifford.

Library - The children will visit the library every Tuesday. Students will require a library bag, clearly labeled with their name to protect the book they have chosen to borrow. Please ensure your child returns their book each week.

Special Points to remember:

- All items of clothing to be labeled—especially hats and jumpers.
- Children have fruit break every day so please provide a suitable snack.
- Headphones in a labeled zip lock bag for laptop use.

Days to Remember

Sports Days - Monday & Thursday.

Library & Indonesian- Tuesday

Music - Monday

Important Dates:

Cross Country- 28/4

Indigenous

Performance- 12/5

Mother's Day

Breakfast and Kinder
Assembly- 12/5

School Photos- 15/5

Athletics Carnival-
19/5

Monday Prayer- 22/5

Teddy Bears' Picnic-
25/5

Musica Viva- 8/6

School Disco- 28/6



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Uniform Expectations:

Students are expected to be in full correct winter school uniform by Week 3. Enclosed black school shoes are to be worn with the school uniform and enclosed sports shoes with their sports uniform. Children are required to wear a blue St Thomas hat in order to participate in outdoor school activities.

Please ensure ALL items of uniform are clearly labelled!

Absences:

If your child is absent from school please send an email or a written explanation when they return to school. This is a legal requirement for the class roll. An absent note proforma is available on the school website. If you wish to pick your child up early you are required to go to the front office and sign your child out. Please send a note to the class teacher explaining the early departure.

School Supplies:

All the books and stationary your child will need are already at school. Please provide a set of headphones for your child to use on the school computers if you have not already done so. We ask that they are labeled and stored in a zip lock bag.

Medications:

If your child is sick at any point throughout the year and requires medication it needs to be taken to Jodie at the front office with a note outlining the administration of the medication. Children with Asthma or allergies need to provide the front office with an action plan at the start of each year.

Important Information:

St Thomas the Apostle is a **nut free** environment due to many children having severe nut allergies. Please ensure you do not pack any nuts or nut products (e.g. nutella, peanut butter, satays) in your child's lunch box. For this same reason sharing food is not permitted.

Birthdays - If you wish to send in cake for your child's birthday we are more than happy to celebrate with the class. We encourage you to send **cupcakes** (not whole cakes) as they are easier to distribute.

Fruit Break - Each day at approximately 10am students will have a fruit break. This keeps children's brains and bodies fueled throughout the morning. Please ensure you provide students with a small piece of **fruit or vegetable** to eat during this session.

Water Bottles - Please ensure you pack students with a water bottle they can store in their bags to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Parent Assistance in the Classroom - We would be thrilled to have parent assistance in the classroom especially during our literacy and numeracy groups or afternoon art activities. If you would like to assist in the classroom please inform us throughout the term as you are available.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the front office or after school if you have any concerns. We are looking forward to another great term in Kindergarten.

Kind regards,

Miss Aimee Barry and Ms Bernadette Meffert