



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 3 2017

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WELCOME TO 2017

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



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Special Points to

remember:

- All items of clothing to be labeled.
- Children have fruit break every day at 10am so please provide a suitable snack.
- Please ensure your child has headphones in a labeled zip lock bag for iPad use.
- Please continue to bring one item in for news that starts with the letter of the week.

Days to Remember

Sports Days - Monday & Wednesday.

Library & Indonesian- Tuesday

Music - Monday

Important Dates:

24th July- 100 Days at School Celebration

31st July- Kinder Excursion to Dinosaur Museum.

1st August- Hats on.

4th August- Science expo,

11th August -Kinder Assembly

18th August- Grandparents Day

18th August- Book Week Dress up day

8th September- KM class mass

15th September- KB class mass

18th September- Monday Prayer

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1st September - Father's Day

Welcome back! We hope you and your family kept warm over the holiday break! We are looking forward to another great Term of learning.

Curriculum:

Religion - Our overarching school theme for 2017 is "Follow Jesus' Way". Our Term Three unit is "Jesus, his Family and Friends." Students will be encouraged to explain how they share love with their family and friends with Jesus as their example.

English - Throughout the term students will participate in a range of activities to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The students will continue to bring home reading books, and sight words (M100W Words) to practise their reading. Please encourage your child to return the Reading Pocket each Friday and to select 4 new books for the week.

Our literacy themes will include Winter, Dinosaurs (supported by our excursion to the Dinosaur Museum), and Book Week.

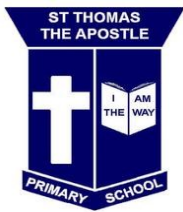
Mathematics - The children will be excited to reach our 100 Days at School and participate in lots of number 100 activities. We will continue to incorporate the use of ICT to practise and reinforce concepts. Topics covered this term will include position, 2D and 3D shape, addition strategies, sharing, halving, counting forwards and backwards and recognising and representing numbers.

Integrated Unit: Social Justice: Fairness and Friendship- The unit explores the importance of friendship and enables students to understand how to make and keep friends. We will learn about the importance of rules and ways in which to accept differences of opinions. Listening skills will be a key focus area. This unit integrates: English, Health and Physical Education, and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Health/Physical Education- Students will participate in a Gymnastics program on Wednesdays run by a qualified gymnastics instructor. During our Monday sport time we will be engaging in Gross Motor activities as well as small team games to build sportsmanship. We will continue to engage in our in Kidsmatter program which promotes social and emotional learning.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS THIS TERM ARE MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

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.



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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.

Uniform Expectations:

Students are expected to be in full correct winter school uniform. Enclosed black school shoes are to be worn with the school uniform and enclosed sports shoes with their sports uniform. During Winter, it is preferred that beanies, gloves and scarves are school colours. **Please ensure ALL items of uniform are clearly labelled!**

Absences:

If your child is absent from school please send in a written explanation, email or skool bag message, to explain their absence. This is a legal requirement for the class roll which is marked at 9.15 each morning. **Please ensure your child is present on the stage for a 9am start.** An absent note proforma is available on the school website or via Skoolbag. If you wish to pick your child up early you are required to go to the front office and sign your child out.

School Supplies:

Please provide a set of headphones for your child to use on the school computers / iPads if you have not already done so. We ask that they are labeled and stored in a zip lock bag. If you are able to contribute a box of tissues that would be wonderful.

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. 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 pleased 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,

Bernadette Meffert and Aimee Barry