



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 1 2017

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WELCOME TO 2017

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



Teachers: Kindergarten

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Special Points to remember:

- All items of clothing to be labelled.
- Please bring in a set of headphones clearly labeled in a zip-lock bag for ICT use.
- Please bring a library bag on Tuesdays.

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Monday & Thursday.

Library & Indonesian - Tuesday

Music - Monday

Grade Prayer - Friday morning in the classroom (all welcome).

Important Dates:

2nd Feb - 9:30 am Opening School Mass.

7th Feb - Information night/ Welcome BBQ at 6PM.

8th Feb - Kinder rest day

24th Feb - Swimming Carnival

28th Feb - Parent Literacy Night (6:30pm-7:30pm)

7th March - Parent Numeracy Night (6:30pm)

3rd March - Labour Day

13th March - Canberra Day

21st March - Harmony Day

24th March - Cross Country

Welcome to Term 1 2017,

We would like to welcome Kindergarten children and their families to the St Thomas the Apostle school community. We have had a settled start and are looking forward to a great term ahead.

Curriculum:

Religion - Our overarching school theme for 2017 is "Follow Jesus' way." Our Term One unit is "I can talk to God" in which students will be given the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with God through many forms of prayer and liturgical celebrations.

Literacy - This year we aim to instil within students a love and appreciation for literature. Throughout the term students will participate in reading, writing and oral language learning opportunities. We will be placing an initial emphasis on the development of fine motor skills. Later in the term students will begin to participate in literacy groups and bring home readers to practise their reading.

Mathematics - Throughout the term students will explore patterns, shape and measurement and learn to collect data. We will focus on counting, recognising and representing numbers.

Integrated Unit "Communities" - In this unit students will learn about different communities to which people belong and learn why people live, work and play in these communities. They will consider how they can be a good friend in order to sustain their classroom community. Our integrated unit will incorporate elements of Literacy, Health, Arts and Geography.

Physical Education - Students will be participating in a daily Gross Motor/ fitness program as well as team games to build relationships and sportsmanship. Students are required to be in their **Sports Uniform on Mondays and Thursdays this term.**

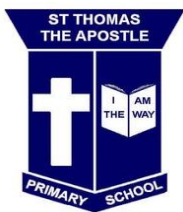
Arts - Students will attend music lessons once a week for 45 minutes with Mrs Clifford. Drama and Visual Arts will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment.

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

Library - The children will visit the library every Tuesday. They are encouraged to bring a clearly labelled library bag. Please ensure your child returns their book each week.

Please attend the Information Night on Tuesday 7th February for a more detailed overview of the term. Following this, you are invited to attend the Welcome BBQ hosted by the School Council.

The Parent Literacy and Numeracy Nights provide extra insight and ideas to assist in your child's learning.



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Uniform Expectations:

Students are expected to be in full correct school or sports uniform at all times, including enclosed black school shoes and sports shoes with their sports uniform. Children are required to wear a blue St Thomas hat in order to participate in outdoor school activities. Children who do not have a hat will be required to sit in a shaded area. **Please ensure ALL items of uniform are clearly labelled!**

Absences:

If your child is absent from school please send in a written explanation/ email/ skoolbag note. This is a legal requirement for the class roll.

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 to use on school iPads and laptops. We ask that headphones are clearly labelled in a ziplock bag, for hygiene reasons students cannot share headphones.

Medications:

If your child is sick at any point throughout the year and requires medication it needs to be taken to Mrs Luhrs at the front office with a note outlining the administration of the medication.

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 and we do not keep knives in the classroom for safety reasons. Ice blocks, biscuits or share packs of lollies and chocolates are also great alternatives to cupcakes.

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 1 small piece of fruit or vegetables to eat during this session. We request that larger fruit such as apples and oranges are cut up into portions to assist children to eat them.

Water Bottles - The weather is still quite warm and the children often enjoy running around at recess and lunch. 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 appreciate parent assistance in the classroom. If you would like to assist in the classroom please inform us at the Information Night in week 2 or throughout the term as you are available. Please remember that to be able to assist at school you need to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

Afternoon Pick Up

The children will be brought to the Stage area every afternoon to meet you. If it is raining, the children can be collected from the Hall. Children attending After School Care will line up at the back of the stage area to be collected by After School Care staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. We are looking forward to a strong partnership with you in the education of your child.

Kind regards,

Miss Aimee Barry and Ms Bernadette Meffert