



# St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## Mathematics Teaching

I am writing to you to update you on some significant changes that we are making to the way Mathematics is being structured and taught in our primary classrooms.

It has been our recent practice in Years 3-6 to split our multi-age classrooms into separate Year 3 and Year 4 Maths classes and into separate Year 5 and Year 6 Maths classes when teaching Mathematics. As well, we have utilised an additional teacher, Mr Bazzana this year, to work with a class of students selected from Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. As far as we are aware, this model has been unique to our school.

We continually evaluate our teaching methods and structures and following research, consultation, and professional development, with respected Maths experts and CE staff, and with reference to the data we have gathered over this time, we have decided to evolve this model.

From Week 3 Term 3 we are reverting to Mathematics being taught in the children's own classes, by their regular classroom teacher, as we do for all other subjects. Mr Bazzana's role in teaching Maths will not be diminished and is in fact being increased. He will spend more time in the classrooms, and with classroom teachers than he did in the terms before, but with a much greater flexibility to assist and extend children as needed. Rest assured, our commitment to developing Numeracy skills in the primary years is as strong as ever.

Should you, or your child, have any questions you wish to raise regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bazzana or myself.

Yours Sincerely

Ursula Jamieson