



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 1 2017

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WELCOME TO 2017

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



Teachers:

Miss Jessica Neubeck 2N

Ms Patty Porteus 2P

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Monday & Thursday

Library & Indonesian- Tuesday

Music - Monday

School Prayer- Monday morning in the Church

Grade Prayer - Friday morning

Important Dates:

Opening School Mass 9:30am 2/2

Parent Information Night 6pm 7/2

Sacramental Enrolment 11-12/2

Year 2 N Monday Prayer 20/2

Swimming Carnival 24/2

Excursion- Recycling centre 28/2

Parent Literacy Night 6:30pm 28/2

Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am 1/3

Parent Numeracy Night 6:30pm 7/3

Cross Country 24/3

Year 2P Monday Prayer 27/3

Year 2 Assembly 1.45pm 7/4

Special Points to remember:

- All personal items must be labeled—especially lunchboxes, hats and jumpers.
- Children have fruit break every morning so please provide a small snack and a bottle of water.
- Please provide an absence note if your child is absent, within 3 days of return. We encourage the use of our SkoolBag app.
- Please provide your child with a library bag for borrowing on Tuesdays. "No bag, no borrow!"

Welcome to Year 2 2017! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas period with your family and are looking forward to an exciting year!

Curriculum:

Religion: Our overarching theme for 2017 is 'Follow Jesus' Way.' Through this, the children will learn about how Jesus shows us the way. Our term 1 unit is 'God's Gifts' and the children will learn about God's love for us, and how we experience and share this love with others. Lent and Easter are also covered in this Unit.

Sacramental Enrolment: Parents of children who will be making their Reconciliation in Term 4 this year will need to attend a Parish Mass on the weekend of 11-12 February to enrol their child in the Sacrament. Enrolment forms will be distributed at school the week before.

Literacy: In Literacy, the children are immersed in a variety of literary forms which will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing and oral language. The children will learn to write using language to describe and to explain. Spelling and Grammar are an integral part of daily Literacy Blocks and the children develop their word processing and keyboard skills in ICT.

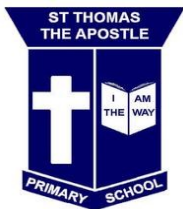
Mathematics: This year, Year 2 will use an investigation based approach in Maths to cover all strands of the Australian Curriculum. Children will be asked to present their understanding through varying mediums and will use a range of activities to develop their knowledge on the content.

Integrated Unit: This term our integrated unit is based around the concept of Services. For this we will be going on an excursion to the Recycling Centre and listening to guest speakers who serve the community. This unit will follow a whole school focus of community in line with the Australian Curriculum.

PD/H/PE: Sport days this term will be **Monday and Thursdays**. On Mondays, the children will participate in Gross Motor lessons and on Thursdays, the children will engage in skills based PE.

Arts: Students will attend Music lessons once a week for 45 minutes with Ms Zita Clifford. Visual and Creative Arts will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment.

Indonesian & Library: Students attend Indonesian and Library lessons every Tuesday. Bu Clifford is our Indonesian teacher and our library teacher is Miss Hayley Douglas. Children will need to **bring a labeled library bag** to borrow. Please help them to return library books weekly and enjoy reading these together.



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Fruit Break: Please ensure that your child has a suitable fruit break everyday and that it is cut up in a small labeled container as bigger pieces are harder to eat.

Grade Prayer: You are welcome to join us every Friday morning as we participate in prayer as a grade level.

Uniform Expectations: A reminder that all children should be wearing full summer uniform including a school hat. Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly labeled. Accessories such as coats and hair ribbons should be in school colours. Earrings should be simple sleepers or studs and nail polish should not be worn. Long hair is to be tied back.

Home Learning: The expectation is that the **children read every night** and for parents to sign the 'Home Reading Record'. Home reading should be an enjoyable experience for all. It is a time for your child to show his/her developing literacy skills, and may be at a lower level than what is read at school. Home reading will begin in Week 2. Please support us by returning books in the blue home reading folder.

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.

Absent Notes: A reminder that a note explaining your child's absence from school is required within 3 days of their return. This year, we are able to accept notes electronically (via SkoolBag and email) however, these must be sent from the email address your family has specified with the Front Office. If you need to update this email, please see Jodie. Contact email addresses for your child's teacher can be found at the start of this letter.

Headphones: This year, the children will be using headphones regularly in the classroom. Could you please send in a pair for your child to use, ensuring they are clearly labeled and in a zip lock bag.

Tissues: We ask that each family send in a family sized box of tissues, this helps us get through the winter season!

Important Information:

St Thomas the Apostle is a **nut free** environment as many children have 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. All food for the class needs to have a list of ingredients.

Work Books: Books will be sent home this week. Please have them covered, labeled and returned by Monday (6/2).

Parent Assistance in the Classroom: We would love to have some parent helpers to assist in Year 2! If you are able to assist, please put your name down on Information Night. Please note that all helpers must have a Working With Vulnerable People card to assist in the classroom.

Teacher Interviews: If you have any concerns or queries about your child/children, please feel free to make an appointment to speak to us.

We would love you to join us for the **Information Night and BBQ on Tuesday 7th February** at 6.00pm We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Miss Jessica Neubeck and Ms Patty Porteus