



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 2 2017

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WELCOME TO TERM 2

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,



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Special Points to remember:

- All items of clothing must be labelled—especially hats and jumpers.
- Children have fruit break every morning so please provide a suitable snack.
- Please provide an absence note (emailed or written) if your child is away within 3 days of return.

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:

Cross Country 28/4

Mother's Day Breakfast 12/5

Athletics Carnival 20/5

Year 2 Mass 1/06

Queen's Birthday Holiday 12/6

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful break together!

Curriculum:

Religion: This term in Religion our unit is called 'Faithful Church'. It focuses on both the roles that people in our church community play and the Sacrament of Baptism. This will tie in with our school theme of 2017: "Follow Jesus' Way" as we will look at what it means to be baptised as a disciple of Jesus.

Literacy: This term will be looking at Poetry as a form of writing used to entertain. We will continue with our focus on grammar, handwriting skills and phonics in order to assist with writing development. We will be continuing our Reading Groups with a focus on comprehension. This term we ask children to bring in a book of their own choice to read during literacy time for "Free Choice Friday".

Mathematics: This term we will continue to use an investigation format to look at all strands of Mathematics. We encourage you to continue playing simple number games with the children to support their progression.

PD/H/PE: Sport days this term will be **Monday and Thursday**. We will be participating in Footsteps Dance program on Mondays whilst also focussing on gross motor, preparing for the Athletics Carnival in Week 4. In Health we are continuing to look at Social and Emotional Learning.

Pathways: This term in our Integrated unit, we will be investigating sustainability and sustainable practices. They will also learn about their environmental footprint and setting sustainable goals.

Arts: On Monday's the students will attend Music with Zita Clifford. Visual Arts will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment.

Indonesian & Library: This term we attend Library and Indonesian on Tuesday afternoons. Please remember that the children will need to **bring a labelled library bag or plastic bag** to protect books they borrow. Students will continue to participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.



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Grade Prayer: A reminder that every Friday morning we participate in prayer as a grade level. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Uniform Expectations: A reminder that all children should be transitioning into their full winter uniform including their hat. Please ensure every item of the students clothing is clearly labelled.

Homework: 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 as such, your child may bring home reading material at a lower level than what is read at school. Don't forget to add this reading to the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge!

Medications: If your child is sick at any point throughout the year and requires medication, it is part of the school policy that you provide a written note outlining its administration and provide it to Mrs Luhrs in the Front Office.

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. All food for the class needs to have a list of ingredients.

Parent Assistance in the Classroom: A big thank you to the parent helpers who helped out in Term One. We welcome those helpers back this term and invite any parents who wish to assist with the children to check with their child's teacher.

Tissues: As we come into winter it would be appreciated if your child could bring in a box of tissues to assist with our supplies.

We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Jessica Neubeck, Ms Patty Porteus