



# St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 3 2017

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## WELCOME TO TERM 3

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



### Teachers:

Miss Lucy McMillan 1M

Miss Kaitlin Reedy 1R

Ms Angie Kisiel (odd Fridays) 1R

Welcome to Term 3 2017! We hope you enjoyed the holiday period with your family and are looking forward to an exciting Term!

### Curriculum:

**Religion:** Our Term 3 unit is 'God's Creation'. We will identify the wonders of God's creation through the five senses and name the ways God is present in the world. Each fortnight the students will be introduced to a new value that links in with our MATES program.

**Literacy:** In literacy, the children will be immersed in a variety of literary forms to help them develop their skills in reading, comprehension, spelling, writing, viewing and oral language. In writing, students will be presented with opportunities to publish their work with the aim to unlock the students' creativity. We will engage the students in stories written by Nick Bland and Stephen Michael King, focusing on their writing and illustration style.

**Mathematics:** This term we will be undertaking five mini units titled 'Connecting with numbers', 'Exploring Place Value', 'Shapes in our Environment', 'Measuring Up' and 'Show Me the Way'. Students will participate in Numeracy Blocks which involve whole class teacher directed lessons and small group and individual activities with an emphasis on problem solving.

**HaSS:** This Term in HaSS students will learn about different cultural groups that make up Australia and ways to appreciate all cultures. They will also learn about the importance of treating all people fairly and with respect.

**PD/H/PE:** Sport days this term will be **Monday and Wednesday**. On Mondays, the children will participate in Gross Motor activities and on Wednesdays we will be participating in a Gymnastics Program in the hall. They will also participate in Social and Emotional Skills lessons weekly.

**Arts:** Students will attend Music lessons once a week for 45 minutes with Ms Zita Clifford. Drama 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. Ibu Clifford is our Indonesian teacher and our library teacher is Ms Vanzwol. They will need to **bring a labelled library bag** to borrow books. Please support them to return library books weekly.

Just a reminder that we are participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Keep supporting your child to fill in their reading record. These can be dropped into the library once complete and a new form picked up.

### Days to Remember:

**Sports Days** - Monday & Wednesday

**Library & Indonesian**- Tuesday

**Music** - Monday

**School Prayer**-Monday morning in the Church

**Grade Prayer** - Friday morning

### Important Dates:

1R & 2P Class Mass 27/7

Hats on 1/8

Science Expo Day 4/8

Grandparents' Day 18/8

Monday Prayer- 1R 4/9

Year 1 Assembly 1:45pm 15/9

1M, 5/6P & KB Class Mass 15/9

### 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 small snack.
- Please provide an absence note if your child is absent within 3 days of their return.



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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 labelled container.

**Grade Prayer:** You are welcome to join us each Friday morning as we participate in grade prayer.

**Uniform Expectations:** A reminder that all children should be in their full winter uniform. Students are expected to resume wearing their hats on the 1st of August. Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled. 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.

**Home Learning:** The expectation is that the **children read every night** and for parents to sign their '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 journals are **required to be sent to school every Monday** to be checked and changed. The children are encouraged to take a few books home at a time, they are more than welcome to change readers on days other than Monday if required.

**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.

**Absent Notes:** A reminder that a note explaining your child's absence from school is required within 3 days of their return. We are able to accept notes electronically (via email). These, however 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.

## 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 provided for the class needs to have a list of ingredients supplied.

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

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

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy McMillan, and Miss Kaitlin Reedy.