



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 3 2017

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WELCOME TO TERM 3

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



Teachers:

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Miss. Leyrizza Leyes	3/4VL
Mr. Matthew Lowe	3/4L

Welcome to Term 3. We hope that you and your family had a restful holiday period. We look forward to continuing working with you to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year. This term is especially important for those children who are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It would be great if all our families in 3/4 kept these children in their prayers and support them on this journey.

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Tuesday & Thursday (Gymnastics)

Library & Indonesian- Wednesday

Chess- Wednesday

School Prayer- Monday morning in the Church (3/4L week 2, 3/4B Week 6, 3/4VL Week 7)

Module Prayer - Friday mornings in the Library

Important Dates for Term 3:

- Science Week, **Week 3**

- Science Day, **Friday**

04/11/17

- Eucharist Info Night,

Wednesday 26th July

- Eucharist Presentation

Masses, **Saturday 29th July and Sunday 30th July**

- Eucharist Home Nights,

Weeks 5, 6 and 7

- Grandparents Day, **Friday**

18th August Week 5

- Book Week, **Week 6**

- First Eucharist Retreat Day (All 3/4 class attend), **Week 8, Friday 8th September**

Curriculum:

Religion - Our overarching theme for 2017 is Follow Jesus' Way. Our Religious Education units in Term 3 are called "Prayer Helps, Prayer Heals" and "Eucharist." This term, students will be divided into year levels so that the Year 3 students, and some others, can prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist with a unit focused on this. Meanwhile, Year 4 students will learn to recognise that prayer enables us to reconcile our relationships with God and others.

Module prayer on Fridays will continue to be an important part of our Religious Education Program. Family members are welcome to join us in the library at 9am each Friday. Keep an eye to the school calendar as there will be some Friday mornings when we will attend parish mass.

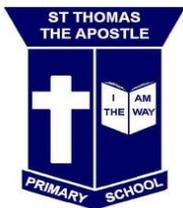
Integrated Unit - Our Integrated Unit for this term is called "In Their Shoes" This is a Social Sciences unit with a focus on social justice. Students will be looking at ways in which we are fair and unfair in our society. They will become more aware of the importance of social justice for all with a focus on people with disabilities, rules and laws.

English - In English the children will be immersed in a variety of literary forms which will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing and oral language. The children will concentrate on developing the skills required to read and write confidently and accurately. Spelling will be an integral part of daily Literacy Blocks. In ICT the children will develop their word processing and keyboard skills.

Creative Arts- Our Creative Arts Program links closely to our Integrated Unit. We will be exploring how Creative Arts can be used a form of expressive communication. This term the students will also be participating in Drama and Music units.

Mathematics - This term we will be covering all strands of the Australian Curriculum. Concepts to be covered include, number, patterns and place value, measurement, space and geometry.

Home Learning / Home Reading- Formal homework for Year 3/4 includes



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Physical Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) - This term we are participating in a gymnastics program on Thursdays. The children will participate in a Protective Behaviours unit and lessons focussing on establishing and maintaining sound relationships with their classmates and peers.

We have a fruit break during the morning session and encourage the students to bring small pieces of non-messy fruit/vegetables, cut and in a labelled re-useable container.

Uniforms- The children need to wear their **Sports Uniform** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Children are expected to be in full, correct school or sport uniform at all times. This includes socks that rest above the ankles. Children out of correct uniform on any given day should bring a note from home so that we know that the parents are aware of what the child is wearing on that day. The St Thomas' broad-brim or legionnaire style hat are part of the full school uniform and are required to participate in playground and outdoor school activities. Any child who does not have a correct school hat will be supervised, whilst sitting in a shaded area of the school. A baseball style cap is not a substitute for a school hat.

Jewellery, outside of studs or sleepers in the ears, a wristwatch and/or a simple cross necklace, is not permitted, as is any form of make-up and/or nail polish. If there has been a need for these items over the course of a weekend or during the week they should be removed before the next school day.

Absences from School - When your child is absent for whatever reason, a note must be sent to school, even if the school has been informed by phone. This written and signed note of explanation is a legal requirement for school rolls. Please note that we also accept emails or a note sent via the 'Skoolbag' app.

Incidentals - All medication must be held by the Front Office and detailed instructions must be provided.

- We would like to remind you that the **children are not to bring toys to school**. This includes personal sports equipment, swap cards and any other current-trend bracelets or tokens
- If your child needs a mobile phone for before or after school use, it must be handed into the classroom teacher each morning.
- Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school when packing your child's lunch and providing birthday treats. There are children in Year 3/4 who have serious nut allergies.
- If you haven't already downloaded the 'Skoolbag' app we suggest you do as this provides regular updates of school happenings. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the School's website.

Having a meeting with your child's teacher -

We are always happy to talk to you about your child. Whilst it may be tempting to grab a quick word in the morning, please remember that we can be on duty or preparing for class at these times, and are often unable to give you the time or attention that you and your child deserves. We ask instead that you arrange an appointment by contacting the front office, either by email, phone call or note. We can then arrange a time to talk by phone or schedule a face to face meeting where we can give you our undivided attention.

Thank you for your support.
Yours sincerely,

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