



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 3 2017

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WELCOME TO TERM 3

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



Teachers:

Ms Patty Porteus 2P

Miss Jessica Neubeck 2N

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 pre-cut piece of fruit.
- Please provide an absence note if your child is away within 3 days of return. Please note you may email this to your child's teacher

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Wednesday and Friday

Library & Indonesian- Tuesday

Music - Monday

School Prayer-Monday morning in the Church 9am

Grade Prayer - Friday morning

Assembly -Friday 1:40pm

Important Dates:

2P Mass 27/7

Monday Prayer 2P 31/7

Monday Prayer 2N 7/8

Assumption Mass 15/8

Yr 2 Assembly 25/8

Grandparents Day 18/8

Book Week Parade 18/8

Father's Day Breakfast 1/9

SHoW Day 19/9

Welcome to Term 3. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the break and had the opportunity to spend time together.

Curriculum

Religion: This term in Religion our unit is called 'Traditions of Jesus and his People' which focuses on making loving choices and being disciples of Jesus. In this unit we also look at the traditions and rituals of the Jewish people, comparing these to our lives. To support this, it would be appreciated if you would send in a photo of your child participating in a family tradition (e.g. Christmas, birthday, cultural celebration). This unit is in preparation for making our First Reconciliation in Term 4. (Wednesday 29th November, 6:30pm)

Literacy: This term, we will be continuing sustained silent reading and writing during the Literacy Block. We will continue developing our comprehension and fluency in reading, whilst in writing our focuses are writing to instruct and persuade. We also be focusing on editing skills and publishing work.

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 your child to support his/her progression. If you would like some further ideas of games to play with your child, please chat to us.

Indonesian & Library: This term we attend Library and Indonesian on Tuesday mornings. Please remember that the children will need to **bring a labelled library bag or plastic bag** to protect books they borrow.

Pathways: Our Pathways integrated unit will comprise Visual Arts, Creative Arts and Multiculturalism. See attached letter for further details on this.

PD/H/PE: Sport days this term will be **Wednesday and Friday**. On Wednesdays, we will be participating in a Gymnastics program run by Southern Canberra Gymnastics in the school hall. On Fridays Year 2 will combine as a grade to practise cooperative games and gross motor skills. The children will need to be in full sports uniform on these days.

Music: Every Monday the students will attend Music with Zita Clifford.



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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 in their full winter uniform. Students are not expected to wear their hats currently. Please ensure every item of the student's clothing is clearly labelled. Accessories such as coats and beanies should be school colours. A reminder that nail polish is not to be worn to school and that long hair should be tied back, off the student's face.

Homework: 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. We encourage you to be doing word games with your child each night using words from his/her reader. If you need examples of games please contact your teacher.

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 Lurhs 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.

Teacher Interviews: Please feel free to call and make an appointment during the term if you have any concerns.

We are looking forward to a successful term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Jessica Neubeck and Ms Patty Porteus