

Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3. We are looking forward to a productive term. We have a great energy in the room with the addition of Miss Priolo and the return of Ms Merchant. The children seem happy to be back after a deserved break.

Religious Education

- The Church Community
- I can talk to God
- Gift of Life

English

This term we will continue to use the Soundwaves Spelling Program. Please encourage your child to break down the word and identify each sound they can hear. Every morning we are learning more sight words in preparation for their reading and we encourage you to do the same at home.

Your child should soon be receiving their first book from the Literacy team. We hope that you all find this a rewarding experience.

We are looking at the concepts of print. When reading with your child please remind them of the following points:

- There is a difference between letters and words
- There is a difference between words and sentences.
- That words are separated by spaces.
- That there are punctuation marks that signal the end of a sentence.
- That stories have a beginning, middle and end.
- That text is read from left to right and from top to bottom.

In addition, we have started to talk about the characters and setting of a story. Over the following seven weeks we will experiment with the sequencing of stories and in addition to our handwriting text, we will begin to identify and write about the beginning, middle and end of familiar fairytales.

Maths

The students are working successfully through their iMaths books. This term we will be concentrating on 2D and 3D shapes. Number recognition, counting, sorting, measurement and patterning will form the basis of our lessons with an emphasis on Mental Maths.

Science

This term our Science unit is centred on the theme 'On The Move'. In this unit the children will develop an understanding of how things move. The children will explore the push and pull forces they can use to move objects, in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning. Through investigations, the children will observe and gather evidence about rolling objects and explore the idea of fair testing. *The students will design and construct a small object from various recycled materials, on Monday 15th August.*

Please collect various recyclable items such as: *plastic lids, cereal boxes, small cardboard boxes, hand paper rolls and one roll of masking tape. Please bring these items to school in a named plastic bag by week 5.*

Many thanks, Miss Priolo.

History

We are continuing to develop an understanding about self and family. Students will discuss different ways that this information could be communicated through photographs, artefacts, books, oral histories and digital media.

Health

Passenger Safety: This focus area teaches the children how to be safe when travelling as a passenger. The children will learn to make responsible decisions to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. They will also learn about cooperation and how to communicate effectively with others. This term the students will participate in an incursion by KidSafe. The incursion will cover key injury prevention topics on safety at home, safety while playing and safety on the road.

Physical Education

Children will continue to have Physical Education each Tuesday with Ms Jodi Newton.

Library

This term, children will continue to swap their library books on a Thursday. Please ensure your child remembers their book and library bag.

Parent Helpers

Parent assistance with morning Literacy groups will begin Week 6.

Dates for your diary

Kidsafe Incursion	4 th July
St Dominic's Day Mass – 9:am	3 rd August
St Dominic's Day Mini Fete and Lapathon	5 th August
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass	15 th August
Book Week	5 th – 9 th September
Pre Primary Sports Carnival	11 th September
School Photos	13 th & 14 th September
Nature Play Incursion	21 st September
Last day	22 nd September

We look forward to a great term with you and your children.

Kind Regards

The Pre Primary Team