



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term Three. It's hard to believe that your little cherubs are half way through Kindergarten already! It was wonderful to celebrate their achievements at the end of last term with their reports. I am sure that you too have witnessed their academic and social growth as we have.

This term letter outlines our planned learning for this term. We have included the community events that are pertinent to our Kinder families at the end of this letter. A brief overview is as follows:

### **Religion**

Our Religion Unit this term is '*Church as Family*'. Students will gather information about families and have opportunities to discuss how God's love is shown through us. We will explore the relationship between family, school and parish.

### **English**

In Literacy we will continue to revise the letters and sounds introduced earlier this year. We will also be moving into formally introducing some blends and word endings.

The children will continue to engage in regular sustained silent reading and writing activities. They will also participate in structured guided reading groups and purpose based group activities.

Speaking and listening will continue to be covered during day to day activities, such as the presentation of news and general class discussions where students are encouraged to contribute and share their insights with their peers.

We are continually monitoring the progress of the students and this may involve your child's reading level changing or a new group of sight words being sent home. ***Please be mindful that students should be bringing home books that they are capable of reading and comprehending confidently.***

We encourage the practise of sight words together with letters and sounds on a daily basis to build children's confidence and recognition.

### **Mathematics**

Following our Archdiocese Framework model we will draw again concepts from each of the major mathematical strands; Number, Patterns and Data, Space and Measurement.

Some concepts covered this term will include:

- Duration of time and investigating daily and weekly routines.
- Measurement and the attributes of length and the language used to describe it.
- Working with numbers and the concepts of addition and subtraction.
- Developing an understanding of partitive sharing and recognising equal and unequal groups.

### **Integrated Unit – Science and Health**

We have commenced Term 3 with a Science Unit that looks at Chemical Sciences. It will see students using their inquiry skills to discover that objects are made of materials that have observable properties.

We will then be moving into a second Integrated Unit that looks at Social Justice called 'Fairness and Friendship'. This Unit has a close connection to Health and looking at how students interact positively with others whilst contributing to healthy and active communities. This unit will incorporate two of our habit of mind concepts, 'Thinking Flexibly' and 'Listening with Understanding and Empathy'.

### **Physical Education**

Sport days for Term Three will again be **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Our focus for Term Three will be an interactive dance program called, Every Chance to Dance. It is a highly engaging program that sees students participate in structured and impromptu dance routines.

Later in the term we will be moving into the sport of Basketball where students will be taught basic skills and sequences to participate in games that follow rules and encourage positive interaction with others.

### **The Arts**

Our Visual Arts program this term will look at visual representations using line. Students will be experimenting with different materials, techniques and processes to make artworks. This unit will also explore and respond to line art that has been created by famous artists.

### **Homework**

Homework will continue as it did in Term One. Your child should be completing his/her home reader each night and practising his/her letters and sight words. Homework should not be any longer than 15 minutes per night. Please ensure that homework folders are returned every day to allow the swapping of readers. Homework folders are collected up on Friday for marking.

### **Library, Italian and Music**

Kindergarten will be involved in Music and Library on **TUESDAY**. Italian classes will take place on **THURSDAY**. We strongly encourage students to bring a library bag to participate in borrowing each week.

### **WWVP Permission**

Any parent who is able to assist in the classroom is always welcome however it is a requirement of the ACT Government that all persons working (or volunteering) with vulnerable people in schools and similar organisations have approval to do so. All teachers, support staff and parent volunteers working with children, (who are considered vulnerable people under section 28 of the Human Rights Act 2004), are required to apply for a working with vulnerable people (WWVP) card. Parents who do not have this approval and identification will not be permitted to work, even voluntarily within the school. WWVP permissions do expire. If you already hold a WWVP card, please check the expiry date and have it renewed. For new applications and further information please visit <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au>

### **Notes**

If your child is absent (including half day absences) please provide a written note on his/her return. **This is a legal requirement.** Alternatively, you can make use of the Skoolbag app. Phone calls or emails are not sufficient. **We require a written note with your signature.**

**Just a general reminder to please label all items of clothing and personal items with your child's name and class so that if they are lost they can be returned to you.**

**Important Dates for this term:**

*Please refer to school newsletter or website for any changes or updates. Please note these dates pertain to Kindergarten events only. Please refer to the school calendar for other important dates.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	P&F Meeting (7.00pm)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Annual School Show 'Snow Queen'
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Community Prayer – Kinder Padua
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Fr Lachlan Coll's 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest (9.00am Mass followed by morning tea in St Anthony's Hall)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Ross Fox, CEO Director, Inaugural Visit
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	P&F Trivia Night
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Feast of the Assumption (Mass at Parish Church – 10.30am)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week – 'Escape to Everywhere'
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	P&F Meeting (7.00pm)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	School Disco (Combined Sessions)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Father's Day Breakfast (7.30am)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Walkathon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Community Prayer – Kinder Assisi
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	St Anthony's School Musical
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Kindergarten Health Screening
25 <sup>th</sup> September – 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Term break

Kind Regards,

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