

# St Patricks School



## Junior School Newsletter Term 1 2015

After such a wonderful, hot summer holiday everyone has returned to school ready to pickup old friendships and begin some new ones. Welcome to another year, everyone, it is going to be great!

### Reminders and Pointers.

**Lunches.** Please check your child's lunchbox each day for the first few weeks to find out what they are eating and the amount to give them. Talk with them to make sure they are enjoying lunchtimes and let class teachers know if there are any concerns. Teachers check lunch boxes to see what has been eaten and encourage children to take uneaten food home.

**Uniforms** The year has begun well with all children having sunhats to wear while outside. Please make sure **ALL** items of clothing and footwear are named. This really helps us to return items to their owners. Lost property can be checked in A4's bag room.

**INVITATION.** On 16 February at 3pm there will be an opportunity to meet the Junior Teachers and learn about activities and programmes followed in the Junior Syndicate and what you can do to help your child's learning at home. Children can play outside and will be supervised. The meeting will finish at 3:30pm.

**Discovery Time** begins on Friday Week 2. Please drop off anything that we can turn into treasures and other creations!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year we begin by introducing our classes to daily prayer time and help them to find out about the special people who helped to build St Patrick's School. We discover why our Houses have been given their names and why St Patrick is our school patron.

### NUMERACY AND LITERACY

Teachers are assessing and discovering what children already know and working to set learning goals and next steps to develop these learning areas.

Children may bring home books they have read before. Help them to discuss what they are reading by looking for connections to things they may have done or hunting for words they can find on a page. Teachers have many ideas to make learning to read fun, please ask them to share. Remember a good book can always be read more than once!

Continue to do lots of counting with your child. Backwards and forwards starting at different numbers. Board games and puzzles also help build number skills.

### INQUIRY

We have begun by getting to know who we are and where we belong. Thanks to all parents who have returned the information sheets about their child they are so useful in helping us build a relationship with each child.

### Special points of interest:

- Please read the attached sheet to see if you can help us build up resources.
- Welcome Mass 12 February St Patrick's Church at 9:30am
- Art Deco Picnic at school 12:30
- Parent/Whanau Evening 26 February 7pm. Meet in the Hall
- Gospel Value for February is Speaking with gentleness.
- Junior Athletics 5 March

**Interviews** to discuss your child's progress in relation to National Standards will be throughout the year depending on your child's birthday. Class teachers will contact you to make an appointment. Children who have had their birthdays already this year will be contacted in March when teachers have more information to share.

We look forward to getting to know your child and their family throughout this year. Never hesitate to contact your child's teacher. It is only when we know something that we can do something about an issue.

May God always bless you and your family  
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