

St Patricks School



Junior School Newsletter Term 1 2016

Welcome back everyone.

It has been great to catch up with our old friends and begin to make new ones. Mrs Campbell and Miss Dine are settling into our school and discovering all about our wonderful school.

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.

Discovery Time is already underway! Please take time to chat with your child about their creations. It is amazing how they come up with their ideas. Any interesting items just drop at school. This year we want to add some science activities into our discovery time so any ideas or equipment will be gratefully received.



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.

Please hunt out the book bags as all children need one.

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.

- *Art Deco Picnic at school 19 February at 12:30. Meet under the trees.*
- *Info evening and picnic 5:30 25 February.*
- *Gospel Value for February is Speaking with gentleness.*
- *Junior Athletics date to be advised.*
- *St Patrick's Day 17 March. Lots of green and fun at school!*

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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