

# St Patrick's School



## Junior School Newsletter Term 2 2017

Welcome to Term 2.

Our morning fitness sessions are being held in the beautiful crisp autumn air. The classrooms however are fabulously warm thanks to the new heat pumps that were installed in all Junior rooms over the holidays.

### Reminders and Pointers.

#### Uniforms

Please ensure the full winter uniform is worn from next week.

Girls: White skivvy and winter pinafore. Black shoes, white knee length socks or dark green or navy tights. No white tights or over the knee socks.

Hair bands and hair ties are to be black, green or navy and plain, not fancy.

Boys: Grey skivvy and winter grey shorts. Black shoes and grey long socks.

**Please name all clothes including socks and shoes.**

If wearing lace up shoes we would appreciate it if you could spend some time teaching your child to tie their own shoe laces.

#### Lunches

Please check with your child that they have the right amount of food in their lunchbox—too much? Too little? We encourage healthy lunchbox choices that fuel the body and provide 'brain food'.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year the Religious Education programme is integrated into all learning areas. You can follow the class focus in your child's weekly homework book. As part of our Inquiry into communication we will be learning a variety of ways to pray and communicate with God.

### NUMERACY AND LITERACY

The morning learning programme in our classrooms is play-based. The materials and equipment allow the children to choose a project to work on. All rooms are slightly different but they are set up to encourage the children to explore numbers, shapes, reading and writing. Children learn from each other, as well as by themselves, while the teachers work with small groups to teach new skills and ideas.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This week all the Junior Syndicate teachers attended a Fundamental Movement Skills workshop.

Across the school our children are offered a huge range of organised sport opportunities including netball, basketball, tee-ball, cricket, rippa rugby, and hockey.

The Junior P.E. programme aims to develop the fundamental skills that will enable your child to be confident and capable when participating in any of these sports.

### Dates of Interest

- *Syndicate Mass:* 9.30am, Wednesday 31 May in the School Chapel
- *School Closed:* Queen's Birthday Monday 6 June.
- *End of Term 2:* Friday 7 July
- *Start of Term 3:* Monday 24 July

### INQUIRY

This term our Inquiry focus is Communication. This focus builds on the key competencies of Participating and Contributing, Relating to Others, Thinking and Problem Solving.

Activities to support and encourage good communication skills will be integrated into our play-based learning programme and Discovery Time.

*Remember, never hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We really do want to know of anything that may be affecting your child's learning or general well-being. It is only when we know something that we can do something.*

We welcome Jo Coffin who will be teaching in A1 once a fortnight.

Nikki Thompson A3 (New Entrants)  
Jan Bevan A4 (Y1 & 2)  
Elise Macdonald A2 (Y2)  
Aimee Newport A1 (Y2)