



## **Junior Syndicate Term 1 Newsletter 2019**

The year has begun with plenty of smiles and laughter as we are all getting to know each other. It is wonderful that so many parents pop in and chat with us during the week and we really appreciate your help in building positive relationships between school and home.

Already this year we have had visitors from the National Aquarium to talk to us about how to buy wisely at the supermarket to help protect the seas and oceans. We celebrated the beginning of the year with our school Mass and received our special candle to use during class prayers, thank you to everyone who joined us.

Art Deco style was seen throughout the school on Friday as once again the whole school community came together under the trees for a picnic.

Now to the next 8 weeks of Term One which is filled with lots of syndicate and school happenings so here is a summary of those involving our Junior classes:

- 20 Feb Parent/Whanau evening to meet your child's teacher 5:30-6:30
- 1 March P.T.A. Family Evening
- 15 March St Patrick's Day
- 3 April School Athletics Day

\*\* Remember to check the newsletter in your child's school bag each Tuesday for further details.\*\*

**Religious Education** this term we focus on the traditions and rituals of the Catholic Church. Children visit the chapel to learn about the symbols found here and how to behave in this holy place. We are learning some traditional prayers of the Church and making up our own prayers to share. We will also be discovering how we belong to the Church that Jesus began to build when he taught people the Good News.

**Our Learning through Play** focus is **Taonga**. We are learning about how we are treasures and the treasures filling our world. Everything links with our R.E. learning and helps develop the social skills in our classes as we learn how to live the St Pat's Way. Look around the classrooms to see how the children develop their understanding of these ideas and how they live this out. Teachers are willing to chat with you about this work.

