

St Patricks School



Junior School Newsletter Term 2 2014

What a beautiful start we have had to term 2 with all this amazing sunshine, long may it last! The teachers and children are ready and excited for another busy term at school.

Reminders and Pointers.

P.E Uniforms

Every morning the whole Junior Syndicate takes part in fitness activities. This has been a great way to get everyone's brains going for the day and teachers have noticed great progress. Please ensure your daughter is bringing her P.E shorts to change into for these sessions.

Arty Afternoon and Discovery Time

Both of these creative times have begun for term 2. Arty Afternoon and Discovery are both great opportunities for the children to work together and share their ideas and learning.

Please help!

We would love the donation of any odd socks that you have lying around. The teachers are going to use these to make soft balls to play with inside on cold or wet days. Please make sure they are clean!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To start the term our focus in Religious Education was Easter. As we celebrated Easter in the holidays the children learnt all about this special time in our church on returning to school.

We will spend the rest of the term looking at the Holy Spirit strand. Each year group is covering a different topic.

Y1: God the Holy Spirit
Y2: The Holy Spirit in peoples lives
Y3:

NUMERACY AND LITERACY

Our in class Numeracy and Literacy programmes are well under way. The children are encouraged to talk about their learning in class so make an effort at home to ask them what they are learning about. Dropping into the classroom to check out your child's work is also a great idea.

Our teachers are taking part in a Junior writing workshop later in the term and we hope to come back with lots of ideas that will benefit everyone.

Special points of interest:

- Soccer begins for Y3's in week 3
- Whanau Meeting, 21 May @ 6.30pm
- Teacher only day, 30 May

SCHOOL CLOSED

- Queen's Birthday, 2 June

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- Fanau Meeting, 18 June @ 6.30pm
- School Mass at St Mary's Church, 22 June @ 9am
- End of Term 2 - 4 July

INQUIRY

This term our Inquiry unit is called, 'Innovation—it's not a...'. We are using Inquiry time in class as well as Discovery time to go further with the idea of innovation

Welcome!

In week 5 we welcome Jo Doole to the Syndicate. Jo will be taking over in A1 while Mrs Thompson is on maternity leave. We hope she enjoys her time with us.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns contact your child's classroom teacher. We are only happy to help!

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