



Junior Syndicate Term 2 Newsletter 2018

Term 1 has flown by and already we are week 3 of term 2. We hope you all had a great holiday and it is good to see everyone.

The Junior teachers have already started the term off in a busy and exciting way by attending a "Nitty Gritty" workshop in Taupo on the first Saturday of this term. This was presented by Linda Cheer from The Longworth Education Center and looked at the curriculum and timetabling in a play-based learning classroom.

Remember you are always welcome to visit us at school and join in the learning through play.

Term Two syndicate and school happenings involving our the staff and junior classes.

- **6 June: No school on Monday, Queen's Birthday weekend**
- **10 June: Staff Mass at St Mary's Church 9:00 am. It would be great if you can join us.**
- **18 June: Mid year reports sent home**
- **22 June: Trivial Pursuit Evening**

Religious Education This term the junior syndicate visit the chapel on Thursday mornings after the roll to learn and share about our sacred place. We are learning some traditional prayers of the Church and making up our own prayers to share. We will also be looking at The Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu and discovering how this is God at work in and through people.

Our **Inquiry** topic will have a **science** based theme and will meet the interests and needs of the children in each class.

The Junior Syndicate follows a **play based philosophy** where the children practise and explore their thinking, problem solving and social skills through play. Children choose to play outside or within the classroom and teachers observe and work alongside them to support learning through the child's interests and passions.

Literacy and Maths are taught daily in guided group sessions so each child works in small groups with the class teacher. These groups change frequently so that the learning needs of each child are catered for in the best way for progress to be achieved. Children will bring books home to share with you and each week the class teachers' include a newsletter in home books to keep you up to date with class happenings.

Physical Education Last week we started a new fundamental skill, how to underarm throw. We start each P.E. session learning the specific skill then the children rotate around a circuit of fun practice activities. Empty milk bottles make a good target if you want to practice at home!

Reminders: Please check your child's lunch has items that are healthy and will provide the necessary energy for them to do their best learning. Water is the only drink that we want the children to bring to school and if you forget we do have drinking fountains for children to use. Uniforms must be clearly named, including shoes and socks. The weekly school newsletter is always full of coming events and children get these each Tuesday to bring home. Please check your child's bag regularly as it might have a collection of items to keep you updated with school happenings.

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