



Middle Primary NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2011

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all, especially Year 3 parents. We are looking forward to working with you this year. We will be contacting all parents by phone during weeks 2/3 to answer any queries or concerns

We are beginning the year with an inquiry unit about our community to develop a Class Treaty and begin to build our class culture. When completed this will enable us to create a positive learning environment for your child

We hope you will take the time to read the attached notice outlining our homework expectations.

LITERACY

Once again there will be a concentrated focus on literacy skills throughout our syndicate. Children will be taught in smaller groups for both reading and writing so that specific learning needs can be addressed

NUMERACY

This term we will focus on number, time and geometry. Basic facts and multiplication tables will continue to be practised both at school and home.

Planned Excursions

Week 3 Monday 21 Feb Train Trip (P.T.O.)
Week 5 Exodus Journey Year 4 28th Feb
Year 3 1st March

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Week 1** Our School Charism
Week 2 Opening School Mass day
11 Feb at St. Patrick's Church
Prayer Module
Week 3 -11 God Strand
Week 6 -11 Lent
Ash Wednesday Mass in
School Hall 9th March 9am
Week 7 St Patrick's Day Mass 17th
March at St. Patrick's Church
Week 11 Reconciliation 13 April
Syndicate Mass in Chapel
9am 14th April
Holy Week Liturgy at School

HEALTH & PE

- Weeks 1-3** Health (Relationships &
Interpersonal skills.
Week 4-11 Athletics
Sports Day 31 March



God bless you all,
Nikki Jobbins Year 3 M8
Jan Bevan – Year 3 M11
Sue Marshall –Year 4 M9
Francis Nicholas – Year 4 M10

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Your child will have homework on Monday to Thursday nights. They are expected to complete it neatly and to the best of their ability. Please could you supervise your child, ensuring they have a quiet place to do their homework, helping them when necessary and signing their homework book, once their homework is completed to your satisfaction. If for some reason the homework can't be done, we would appreciate a brief note in their homework book.

Your child's homework will include Reading, Spelling, Basic Facts, RE (once or twice a week) and occasionally a research type activity related to the topics being covered in class. Homework should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

Reading:

Some children (especially YR4) will be reading independently, however some will still need guiding. All children will require parents to help them with reading for meaning, information and word study.

Spelling:

This is to be practiced independently by your child following the guidelines set out in your child's spelling book. Spelling practice must be written not oral. Please sign once you've checked their work.

Basic Facts:

It is important children have instant recall of basic facts + - ... They need to be practiced once a week to ensure they are not forgotten. Unknown facts should be practiced daily until known. Practice can include games with other family members to avoid boredom.

R.E:

Your child's R.E book will give specific instructions for how the activity is to be complete. Please note that R.E homework is usually expected to be shared with the parents and not done independently. Please fill in the box at the end of each strand and return to school the next day.

