



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 1 2020

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WELCOME TO 2020

Teachers: Year 5/6

Miss Monique George 5/6G

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Mr Geoff Ryan 5/6R

Miss Natalia Ciuffetelli 5/6C

Special Points to remember:

- 5/6 Camp notes to be handed out shortly
- Please provide an absence note if your child is absent.
- We encourage the use of SZapp
- Ensure the BYOD agreement has been returned to school

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Tuesday & Thursday

Library Indonesian & Stem - Wednesday

Community Prayer - Monday afternoons (2:30pm) in the church.

Community Prayer - Friday morning (9:00am) in the classroom

Important Dates:

14th Feb: Opening School mass

21st Feb: Swimming Carnival

4th - 6th March: Year 5/6 Camp

Monday Week 4—5/6G

Community Prayer

Monday Week 7—5/6R

Community Prayer

Monday Week 10—5/6C

Community Prayer

We would like to welcome Year 5 and 6 children and their families to the St Thomas the Apostle school community. We have had a settled start and are looking forward to a great term ahead.

Curriculum:

Religion: Our overarching school theme for 2020 is "Be still and know that I am God." Our Term One focus is "Be". In our community prayer each week we will explore the Beatitudes. Meditation and stillness will also be a focus throughout the term.

Literacy: In English we will explore a variety of literary forms and genres as we develop their skills in reading, listening, viewing, comprehension, spelling, writing, and oral language.

Mathematics: During the first few weeks the students will participate in a number of assessments and observations to assist with planning for each unit. We will be using an investigation format to look at all strands of Mathematics throughout the year.

Science: We will be using an inquiry model to explore how animals and plants adapt to a variety of environments.

STEM: Every second Wednesday the children will have a session of learning with Mr Luke Mooney for 80 minutes. STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach. Students gain and apply knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative thinking skills within an authentic context.

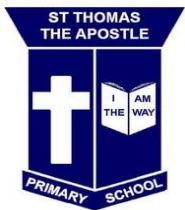
PD/H/PE: The students will participate in Basketball lessons this term. They will also participate in major events including the Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals. Students are required to be in their **Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term**. We will be exploring protective behaviours as part of our Health unit.

Arts: Drama and Visual Arts will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment.

Indonesian: Students attend Indonesian lessons every second Wednesday with Mrs Zita Clifford for 80 minutes.

Library: The children will visit the library every second Wednesday with Mrs Penny Vanzwol. We encourage students to borrow from the class, school and public libraries.

Camp: Camp will be in Week 5 from 4-6th March. Further information will be sent home shortly.



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Important Information:

SZapp: To stay up to date with current information and events at St Thomas, please download the SZapp app onto your device.

Community Prayer: A reminder that every Friday morning we participate in prayer. Parents and families are most welcome to join us in the 5/6 classrooms to start the day.

Uniform Expectations: Please ensure that every item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled including a school hat. Accessories such as coats and hair ribbons should be in school colours. Earrings should be simple sleepers or studs and nail polish is not to be worn. Socks should be plain and above the ankle.

Fruit Break and Water: Please ensure that you send in a water bottle and a piece of fruit for your child daily. We ask that this is a small fruit snack only.

Home Learning: Children are expected to **read every night** and benefit greatly in doing so. Home Learning should be an enjoyable experience for all. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions about this. Home Learning will be uploaded to Google Classroom every fortnight. We invite you to participate in a conversation about your child's learning by viewing their Google Classroom tasks at home.

Medications: If your child is sick and requires medication to be given at school, it is part of the school policy that you provide a written note outlining its administration. All medication is distributed by Jodie Luhrs in the Front Office.

Nut Allergies: St Thomas the Apostle is a **nut free** environment due to many children having severe nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not pack any nuts or nut products (e.g. nutella, peanut butter, satays) in your child's lunch box. For this same reason sharing food is not permitted.

Absent Notes: A reminder that a note explaining your child's absence from school is required within 3 days of their return. You are able to use the St. Thomas SZapp for this. Please support us in administration time by returning these notes the day that the students return.

Birthdays: If you wish to send in a treat for your child's birthday we are more than happy to celebrate with the class. We encourage you to send cupcakes (not whole cakes) as they are easier to distribute and we do not keep knives in the classroom for safety reasons. All food for the class needs to have a list of ingredients.

Teacher Interviews: Please feel free to call and make an appointment during the term if you have any concerns.

We are looking forward to a fulfilling and enjoyable year ahead.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mr Geoff Ryan, Miss Monique George, Mrs Anne Barbic, Miss Natalia Ciuffetelli