



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 1 2020

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WELCOME TO 2020

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,



MATES

Safe

Teachers:

Miss Laura Vandenbroucke 2V

Ms Patty Porteus & 2PT

Ms Tona Tallarida

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Tuesday & Thursday

Library/STEM and Indonesian - Tuesday

School Prayer - Monday afternoon in the Church 2.30pm

Grade Prayer - Friday morning 9.05

Important Dates:

Opening school Mass 14/2 9.30

Parent Information Night 12/2

Swimming Carnival 21/2

Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am 26/2

Special Points to remember:

- All personal items must be labeled—especially lunch-boxes, hats and jumpers.
- Children have fruit break every morning so please provide a small snack in a container and a bottle of water.
- Please provide an absence note if your child is absent, within 3 days of return. We encourage the use of our SZAAP app.
- Please provide your child with a library bag for borrowing on Tuesday. "No bag, no borrow!"
- Please return the Internet User Agreement and swimming carnival notes by the end of Week 2.

Welcome to Year 2 2020! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas period with your family and are looking forward to an exciting year!

Curriculum:

Introductory unit: Our introductory unit, "We are self-managers" will be taught over Weeks 1 and 2. This unit has a central focus on establishing class routines and being a good MATE. We will form our class rules, revise school rules and get to know each other. We will discuss safety and wellbeing.

Religion: Our overarching theme for 2020 is 'Be still and Know that I am God' with a Term 1 focus 'We are called to be all we can be'. During Term 1 we will be exploring the concept that role models lead and challenge communities. We will learn class prayers and routines. Lent and Easter will be covered later in the term.

Literacy: In Literacy, the children are immersed in a variety of literary forms which will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing and oral language. The children will learn to write using language for a variety of purposes. They have the opportunity to write each day through Sustained Silent Writing and various other subject areas and activities. Spelling and Grammar are an integral part of daily Literacy Blocks and the children develop their word processing and keyboard skills in ICT.

Mathematics: This year, Year 2 will use an inquiry based approach in Maths to cover all strands of the Australian Curriculum. Children will be asked to present their understanding through varying mediums and will use a range of activities to develop their knowledge on the content.

Science: In Term 1 we will be teaching a biology unit 'Watch It Grow'. This Unit focuses on how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves.

PD/H/PE: Sport days this term will be **Tuesday and Thursday**. On Tuesday, the children will participate in Gross Motor and ball skill lessons. From week 6 to 9 the students will be participating in a basketball clinic on Tuesday.

Arts: The Creative Arts which includes Visual Arts, Music and Drama will be integrated across the curriculum to support a creative learning environment.

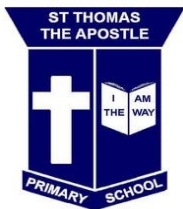
Indonesian: Students attend Indonesian lessons every Tuesday with Bu Clifford. Students will continue to learn about the culture and language of the Indonesian people.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) and Library

Students will participate in these lessons on alternate Tuesdays. 2V will have STEM-odd weeks, 2PT even weeks.

Library- 2PT odd weeks, 2V even weeks

Students need to bring their library books and labeled bag every **Tuesday** in order to borrow weekly.



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Fruit Break: Please ensure that your child has a suitable fruit break everyday and that it is cut up in a small labeled container as bigger pieces are harder to eat. Water bottles are encouraged at school.

Grade Prayer: You are welcome to join us every Friday morning as we participate in prayer as a grade level.

Uniform Expectations: A reminder that all children should be wearing full summer uniform including a school hat. Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled. Accessories such as coats and hair ribbons should be in school colours. Earrings should be simple sleepers or studs and nail polish should not be worn. Long hair is to be tied back.

Home Learning: The expectation is that the **children read every night** and for parents to sign the 'Home Reading Record'. We encourage the children to record the name of the book and perhaps a comment about the book. Home reading should be an enjoyable experience for all. It is a time for your child to show his/her developing literacy skills, and may be at a lower level than what is read at school. Home reading will begin in Week 3. Please support us by returning books in the blue home reading folder. Teachers will check in weekly (on your child's TFT day) to monitor reading progress and participation.

Time For Talk (News) Each child has been allocated a day to share information and thoughts with the class. Could you please assist them with their preparations if necessary?

Medications: If your child is sick at any point throughout the year and requires medication it needs to be taken to Mrs Luhrs or Mrs Wilson at the front office with a note outlining the administration of the medication.

Absent Notes: A reminder that a note explaining your child's absence from school is required within 3 days of their return. This year, we are able to accept notes electronically (via SZapp and email) however, these must be sent from the email address your family has specified with the Front Office.

Headphones: This year, the children will be using headphones regularly in the classroom. Could you please send in a pair for your child to use, ensuring they are clearly labeled and in a zip lock bag.

Tissues: We ask that each family send in a family sized box of tissues, this helps us get through the winter season!

Important Information:

St Thomas the Apostle is a **nut free** environment as many children have severe nut allergies. Please ensure 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.

Birthdays: If you wish to send in cake 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.

Parent Assistance in the Classroom: We would love to have some parent helpers to assist in Year 2! If you are able to assist, please put your name down on Information Night. Please note that all helpers must have a Working With Vulnerable People card to assist in the classroom.

Teacher Interviews: If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please feel free to make an appointment to speak to us.

Thankyou if you were able to join us for the Information Night. It was lovely to meet you. If you were unable to attend, we would like to meet with you this term. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year. Thank you for your continued support.

Please refer to the weekly school newsletter and SZAAP app for ongoing information.

Kind regards, Miss Laura Vandenbroucke, Ms Patty Porteus and Ms Tona Tallarida