



St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Term 1 2020

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WELCOME TO 2020

Mates Are:

Thoughtful,

Engaged,

Safe



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Teachers:

Mrs. Tarthra Kennelly 3/4KE

(M,T,W)

Mrs. Natasha Pank

(T,F finishing week 7)

Mrs Judy Egan

(Th, F week 8 onwards)

Mrs. Rachel Kennedy 3/4K

Miss. Lauren Jameson 3/4J

Mrs Natasha Pank

(Wed, finishing week 7)

Days to Remember:

Sports Days - Tuesday & Thursday

Library

3/4KE- Wednesday even weeks

3/4J & 3/4K Wednesday odd weeks

STEM

3/4K & 3/4KE – Wednesday odd weeks

3/4J Wednesday even weeks

Indonesian

3/4J & 3/4KE odd weeks

3/4K even weeks

Community Prayer-Monday 2:30pm
in the Church

Community Prayer - Friday mornings
in the Library

Important Dates for Term 1:

Opening School Mass - Friday 14 Feb
9:30am

Swimming Carnival – Friday 21 Feb

Think U Know parent presentation -
Tuesday 27 Feb 6pm

Ash Wednesday Mass - 26 Feb 9:30am in
the church

Community Prayer 3/4 K - Monday 2
March 2:30pm in the church

Community Prayer 3/4 KE - Monday 23
March 2:30pm in the church

Cross Country Carnival - Friday 3 April
11:30 - 1

Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday 9 April

**Sacrament Enrolment Masses for
Reconciliation and Eucharist** – Saturday
29th Feb and Sunday 1st March

We look forward to meeting you all over the term and working with you to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year.

As many of you may be aware Mrs Natasha Pank is due to have a baby this Term. She will be finishing up at the end of week 7 and Mrs Judy Egan will be replacing her in the classroom for the remainder of the year.

Curriculum:

Religion - Our overarching theme for 2020 is 'Be still and know that I am God' Ps 46:10. Our Term 1 focus is The Beatitudes and how we are called to 'be all that we can be.' Community Prayer will be on Monday afternoons at 2:30pm in the Church. Our Friday Community Prayer will be in the Library at 9am. We warmly invite all family members to join us for Community Prayer on Mondays and Fridays. Once again, our Religion concepts will be integrated across our HaSS and Arts units. We will be inquiring into the history of the Catholic Church looking specifically at our Archdiocese and the diversity of dioceses across Australia.

Indonesian - Students attend Indonesian lessons every 2nd Wednesday with Mrs Zita Clifford.

STEM - Students attend STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lessons every 2nd Wednesday with Mr Luke Mooney.

Library - Students attend Library lessons every 2nd Wednesday with Ms. Penny Vanzwol. Students can return and borrow books during the week with their teacher's guidance.

Integrated Unit - Our Integrated Unit for this term is inquiring into mapping systems, the states and territories of Australia, and the diversity of Australia's indigenous peoples. The children will be taught a range of thinking strategies through this unit.

English - In English the children will be immersed in a variety of literary forms which will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing and oral language. The children will concentrate on developing the skills required to read and write persuasive and narrative texts. Spelling and ICT will also be incorporated into the literacy block.

Creative Arts- Creative Arts links into to our Integrated Unit, focusing mainly on the Visual Arts.

Mathematics - This term we will be covering all strands of the Australian Curriculum. Concepts to be covered include, number, patterns and place value, measurement, space and geometry.

Home Learning / Home Reading- Formal homework for Year 3/4 will begin on Wednesday of Week 2 and will be an inquiry based model that will continue throughout the year. Children will complete a grid that consists of a range of activities and open ended tasks. They will also be given a login to Mathematics and Reading Eggspress that include set tasks. It is an expectation that students read for a minimum of 20 minutes per night.

Students are encouraged to read a wide variety of rich literature. Reading logs will not be used this year as it is up to your family's discretion to monitor this. Please chat to us if you would like guidance with reading materials.



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Physical Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) - This term we will have a basketball clinic running on Tuesdays starting in week 5. The children will participate in a Protective Behaviours unit and lessons focussing on establishing and maintaining sound relationships with their classmates and peers. The children need to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fruit Break: We have a fruit break in the morning and encourage the students to bring fresh (not tinned or juiced varieties), non-messy fruit/vegetables, cut and in a labelled re-useable container.

Uniforms: Children are expected to be in full, correct school or sport uniform at all times. This includes socks that rest above the ankles. Children out of correct uniform on any given day should bring a note from home so that we know that the parents are aware of what the child is wearing on that day.

The St Thomas' broad-brim or legionnaire style hat are part of the full school uniform and are required to participate in playground and outdoor school activities. Any child who does not have a correct school hat will be supervised, whilst sitting in a shaded area of the school. A baseball style cap is not a substitute for a school hat.

Jewellery, outside of studs or sleepers in the ears, a wristwatch and/or a simple cross necklace, is not permitted, as is any form of make-up and/or nail polish. If there has been a need for these items over the course of a weekend or during the week they should be removed before the next school day.

Absences from School: When your child is absent for whatever reason, a note must be sent to school within 3 days, even if the school has been informed by phone, preferably when your child returns to school. A written and signed note of explanation is a legal requirement for school rolls. Please note that we also accept emails or a note sent via the 'Schoolzine' app.

Incidentals: All medication must be held by the Front Office and detailed instructions must be provided with a "Consent to Dispense form located on the STTAP website under Our School—>Routines and Timetables. The form is located towards the bottom of the page.

- We would like to remind you that the children are not to bring toys to school. This includes personal sports equipment, swap cards and any other current-trend bracelets.

- Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school when packing your child's lunch and providing birthday treats. There are children in Year 3/4 who have serious nut allergies.

- If you haven't already downloaded the 'SZapp' app we suggest you do as this provides regular updates of school happenings. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the School's website. We will be sending out alerts throughout the year to inform you of important happenings in Year 3/ 4, such as assemblies. Please read the weekly newsletter to keep informed.

Meeting Your Child's Teacher: We are always happy to talk to you about your child. Whilst it may be tempting to grab a quick word in the morning, please remember that we can be on duty or preparing for class at these times, and are often unable to give you the time or attention that you and your child deserves. We ask instead that you arrange an appointment by contacting us through the emails provided or by calling the Front Office.

To help with a smooth start to the year it would assist us if you complete the 'Kids Matter' form, which will be sent home separately this week. This helps us begin to get to know you and your child.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Tarthra Kennelly, Natasha Pank, Judy Egan, Lauren Jameson and Rachel Kennedy