

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2023

Welcome back to St James Primary School for Term Two! We hope you all enjoyed your Easter holiday break and you're ready for another busy and fun filled term. This term, students are expected to wear **full school winter uniform** (from week 3) and sports uniform on P.E days. No hats are required from May onwards. Please continue to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for students to eat during Freggie time. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone, email or in person. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful term.

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A new Show & Tell roster and topics list will be sent home in week 2.

DATES TO REMEMBER

25th April - Anzac Day (SCHOOL CLOSURE)

26th April - Term 2 begins

12th May - Mother's Day stall

15th May - Mothers Morning Tea 8.30 - 9.30AM

22nd May - Kids Help Line Incursion

26th May - Yr 1 Level Mass

12th June - King's Birthday Holiday

16th June - Yr 1 Prayer Service Feast of the Sacred Heart

23rd June - End of Term 2



LITERACY

This term we will continue to build upon our knowledge of letters and sounds and how these form the words that we read and write. Teachers will demonstrate to children the common spelling choices for sounds and how to choose appropriate letters to match the sounds that they hear. We will be looking at the genre of information report writing. Each genre has its own distinct framework and these will be modelled and discussed throughout the term. Students will continue practicing writing lower case and capital letters using the correct formation and size. Oral language will include class discussions, oral activities in Literacy rotations along with weekly Show and Tell topics.



How You Can Help:

- Set time aside for practise and discussion of the Show and Tell topic
- If your child is learning the M100W words assist them to develop automatic recall of these words. Point out these words when your child reads and writes and refer your child back to the lists for the correct spelling of the words.
- Read each night with your child. The readers that your child brings home are meant to be at a level where reading is easy.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will further investigate skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's to develop confidence with number sequences to and from 100 by ones from any starting point. We will count collections to and beyond 100 by partitioning numbers using the place value system. We will also represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts. We will investigate the clock including telling time to the half hour and describe duration using months, weeks, days and hours.



How You Can Help:

- Help develop the easy recall of number facts by asking your child to recall these - e.g. $2+3=5$ what else adds up to 5 etc
- Count together in the car - by 1's, 10's, 5's and 2's - eventually being able to count backwards as well as forwards
- Write numbers - and correct your child when they reverse a number or start it from the wrong position.
- Ensure that your child is using the correct tense to describe time - yesterday I saw...tomorrow I will see etc

RELIGION AND INQUIRY LEARNING

In Religion this term, students will investigate the topic of Jesus' family. They will explore the stories of people from the Old and New Testament.



Through our Inquiry-based unit, students are exploring the concept, 'Why does my story matter?'. Students will conduct interviews with their grandparents discussing stories about life in the past. Students will research the different places where our families began, linking this to their own personal story.

How You Can Help:

- Find some family photos/ artefacts which link to your family story and discuss these with your child.

MATHS BAGS COMING SOON!

This term, students will get the chance to bring home the classroom maths bag. Look out for more information coming soon.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Students are asked to read for 10-15 mins a night and record this in their reading log
- Students are reminded to bring a library bag on Fridays - NO BAG NO BOOK!