



St James

Catholic Primary School, Brighton

Prep Termly Newsletter

Term 1, 2023

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2023 School year! It has been a wonderful start to the year with children settling in well to the new routines of school.

Please find below an outline of the curriculum areas that will be covered throughout the term.

ENGLISH

Reading and Viewing

- Using the pictures for clues
- Identifying the initial sounds in words
- Establishing positive reading routines and expectations
- Beginning to recognise some high frequency words
- Engaging in rhymes, chants and songs and listening for repeated sounds and rhyming words

Writing

- Building simple handwriting movements
- Writing letters which resemble letter formations
- Beginning to understand the difference between lower and upper case letters
- Writing their name correctly
- Drawing pictures to convey meaning
- Sharing ideas with actions and speech

Speaking and Listening

- Engaging in classroom discussions
- Generating rhyming words
- Building letter-sound knowledge
- Presenting experiences and sharing interests with the class
- Building positive communication skills through play

MATHEMATICS

Number and Algebra

- Number recognition to and from 10
- Patterns

Measurement and Geometry

- Shape

Statistics and Probability

- Yes and no questioning

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

- Explaining the meaning of scripture stories about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus
- Interpreting the stories of Jesus, making connections to experiences of family and friendship
- Reflecting on ways Jesus shows us how to live in right relationships
- Explaining ways a church and school community are part of the family of God
- Interpreting experiences of family and friendship in relation to God's family
- Reflecting on how they live as part of a family, school and the family of God

INQUIRY LEARNING - Diversity

This term students will:

- Explore the history of our local area and school and how it has changed over time
- Investigate how technology, transport and toys have changed over time
- Compare what family life was like in the past to how it is today

HOMEWORK

Students are encouraged to read and engage in books for 10 minutes each day. During the term we will introduce home reading folders with take home books and Magic Words that the students can practice reading each day.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Week A

| Tuesday | Thursday |
|---|----------------|
| PE - Mrs Kidman Italian - Miss Marinelli | Art - Mrs Egan |

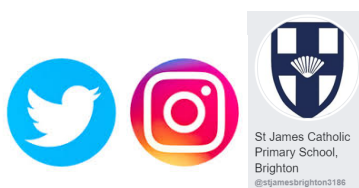
Week B

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|--|----------------|
| PE - Mrs Kidman Italian - Miss Marinelli | Performing Arts - Mr Niarros Library - Mrs Joplin | Art - Mrs Egan |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd February: Final Prep Testing Day
Friday 24th February: Welcome School Disco
Monday 27th February: First full week of School for Prep
Monday 13th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 17th March: Dad's Camp
Monday 27th March: School Closure Day
Tuesday 28th March: School Photos
Wednesday 29th March: Junior School History Day
Tuesday 4th April: School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 6th April: End of Term 1

SOCIAL MEDIA - Please follow, like and share our school Facebook, Twitter and Instagram Feeds.



School Website: www.stjamesbrighton.catholic.edu.au

Twitter: [St James Catholic Primary School, 3186](https://twitter.com/stjamesbrighton3186)

Instagram: [stjamesbrighton3186](https://www.instagram.com/stjamesbrighton3186)

Facebook: [@stjamesbrighton3186](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesbrighton3186)

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Bridie Slater and Sharon Broeren