



# St James

*Catholic Primary School, Brighton*

## Year 1&2 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

- Establishing positive reading routines and expectations
- Using a range of reading strategies to gain meaning
- Building automatic recall of high frequency words

##### Writing

- Generating and articulating story writing ideas
- Constructing simple sentences
- Listening for and recording sounds in words
- Using capital letters, full stops and spaces between words
- Practising correct letter formations

##### Speaking and Listening

- Engaging in classroom discussions
- Generating rhyming words
- Building letter-sound knowledge
- Explicit teaching of 1 letter sounds (graphs) and 2 letter sounds (digraphs)

#### **MATHEMATICS**

- Data
  - Collecting information using a range of question types
  - Representing data using pictographs, bar graphs and tallies
- Counting
  - Using efficient strategies when counting collections of objects
  - Counting forwards by ones from various starting points
- Place value
  - Reading, writing, ordering, making and using 1 and 2 digit numbers
- Length
  - Using informal units to measure length
  - Introducing formal units of measure - metres and centimetres

## **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

## **HOME LEARNING**

All students are encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes each night. Even though some children are becoming independent readers, it is still very important to maintain the home reading program. Reading aloud to an adult helps not only improve accuracy, but fluency, expression and comprehension of what we are reading. Sharing positive reading experiences with loved ones helps foster a love of reading.

## **Take home Readers**

Take home readers will commence week 4. Please ensure that your child is reading for 10-15 mins each night. I suggest that your child reads their reader 3 times.

1. **You read it to them.** *This is an opportunity for you to model what readers do, such as look at the pictures for unknown words, sound out words unknown words and point to words with your finger. etc*
2. **You read it together** ( to develop confidence)
3. **They read it to you or to someone else.**

Please remind your child to change their reader each morning after they have completed their morning jobs.

## **MAGIC 100 + Words**

Your child will come home with their 'Magic words' book. These words will be checked periodically . Your child will be given a specific day during our 'Magic word week' in the junior school that they will be 'tested'. This testing will be 1-1. We ask for your patience with getting through the words. If your child is able to read all the words before 'Magic word week' we encourage you to practise writing/ spelling them and using them in a sentence.

## **SPECIALIST TIMETABLE**

Week A

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 PE - Mrs Kidman Year 2 PE - Mrs Mac Italian - Miss Marinelli (Yr 1 & 2)	Performing Arts - Mr Niarros (Yr 1)	Year 1 Art - Mrs Egan PMP Session (Yr 1 & 2) Library - Mrs Joplin (yr1)	Year 2 Art - Mrs Egan

Week B

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 PE - Mrs Kidman Year 2 PE- Mrs Mac Italian - Miss Marinelli (Yr 1 & 2)	Performing Arts - Mr Niarros (Yr 2) Library - Mrs Joplin (Yr 2)	Year 1 Art with Mrs Egan PMP session (Yr 1 & 2)	Year 2 Art - Mrs Egan

**Library - If children would like to borrow they MUST bring a library bag this week. They are welcome to swap the**

**ir books in the alternate week but this will not be supported with Mrs Joplin.**

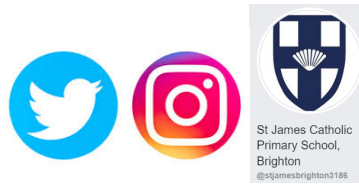
### **Toys at School**

**At St James we have a strict no toys at school policy.** It is ask that students do not bring their own toys to school as they can often be a distraction or they can become broken, dirty or misplaced. There are plenty of toys at school that students can use both inside and out on the playground. We understand that some children need tools and comfort toys to help them for various reasons and if this is the case please talk to your child's classroom teacher.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday 24th February: Welcome School Disco  
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

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