Welcome back!

We hope that all families had a fantastic and restful break and enjoyed the beautiful winter weather in Melbourne.

1/2 Level Blog

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Blogging is an online journal where the students have been sharing the learning that occurs in the classroom. Please take time to visit our year level blog to keep up to date with all the fantastic learning that is going on in 1/2!

Parent Helpers

At St Elizabeth’s Parish School we believe that a connection between home and school is very important. Parent helpers are a valuable resource to our school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who came in to assist in our classrooms last term. We welcome all parents to come and join in on our learning! If you would like to help, please see your child’s classroom teacher to discuss suitable times.

Reading

At this time of the year many children have read a lot of the readers already or are moving towards being a more independent reader. If your child has been reading ‘black books’ for the past two terms, you may choose to select books from the local library or school library for reading each night.

Spelling

Your child will continue to receive spelling words each fortnight. It is important that these words are practised a little each night rather than all in one go.

Whilst the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check technique is useful, it is beneficial for your child to complete other activities with their spelling words, such as working together to define each of the words using a children’s dictionary, or looking for familiar blends in each word.

Your child should be able to independently read each of their words and be able to place each word into a written or spoken sentence. Your child could also try and locate their spelling words in the texts they read.

Mathematics

In Term 3 we will be focusing on the following concepts in Mathematics:

**In Number**
- Addition
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions

**In Measurement and Geometry**
- Mapping & Location
**Maths at home:**

- Use Study Ladder to practise number strategies
- Practise mapping skills by having your child draw a map of their bedroom or your home. They could also draw a map from a local park to your home and draw the route they would take to get home.

**Religion & Inquiry**

In Term 3 we will begin our new inquiry topic of ‘We are connected’. Students will develop an understanding of our local community and how it has changed over time. They will also investigate Australia and its people, culture, weather and famous landmarks. We will also celebrate the 2016 Olympic Games and keep up to date with sporting events and Australia’s medal tally.

Students will recognise that God created the world out of love and kindness. They will identify people in their lives who follow God’s message of love. Students will also explore and describe the characters and their actions in biblical stories such as Adam and Eve in the Genesis Creation story.

**Cross Arts**

We will also begin our Cross Arts preparation. This year’s Cross Arts will be based on Term 2’s author study on Roald Dahl. Students will be performing a play based on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Students will begin rehearsing this term and the performance will be held on Wednesday 14th September. Ticketing prices and other details will be given out closer to the performance.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Friday 29th July** – Year 1/2 St Johns First Aid Incursion
- **Wednesday 3rd August** – Year 2 Blessings Evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- **Saturday 6th August** – MacKillop House Mass 6.30pm
- **Monday 15th August** – Whole School Mass – Feast of Assumption 9.15am
- **Friday 26th August** – Book Week Dress Up Day
- **Thursday 1st September** – Fathers Day Stall
- **Saturday 3rd September** – Chisholm House Mass 6.30pm
- **Friday 9th September** – Year 1/2 & 3/4 Community Mass 9.15am
- **Tuesday 13th September** – 1/2 Cross Arts Rehearsal
- **Wednesday 14th September** – 1/2 Cross Arts Performance/Footy Day
- **Friday 16th September** – End of Term 3

Looking forward to another wonderful Term!

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