Foundation Term 2 Newsletter 2016

Welcome back to Term 2

We hope you had a very Happy Easter and are ready for a new and exciting term of learning.

This term, we will continue to focus on organisation and developing independence. We encourage each child to unpack their own bag, read each night and bring their reader to school every day, along with their blue communication bag.

Important Dates for this Term:

- ANZAC day- Monday 25th April 2016
- Mother’s Day Stall- Thursday 5th May
- Mother’s Day Cupcake Celebration Afternoon- Friday 6th May
- School Closure day- Tuesday 17th May
- International Day of Families – Whole School Mass Friday 20th May 9:15am
- FAC Community- ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION/ RESPECT- Monday 30th May
- Feast of the Visitation- Whole School Mass- Tuesday 31st May 9:15am
- Gift Giving Mass- Whole School - Friday 3rd June 9:15am
- POLDING Hosting Mass- Saturday 4th June 6:30pm
- QUEENS BIRTHDAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday 13th June
- School Progress Interviews- Wednesday 15th June 3:30 – 8:30
- School Closure Day/Progress Interviews- Friday 17th June 9am- 3:15pm
- Reports go home- Thursday 23rd June
- Term 2 Ends- Friday 24th June 3:15pm
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This Term we are focusing on Jesus Christ’s passion, death and resurrection and the sending of Jesus Christ’s Spirit. We will explore these events and experiences through stories from the New Testament. Students will also learn about belonging to God’s family and explore the question ‘Who is God?’ and listen to and respond to stories of people in Jesus Christ’s family. All of our Religious Education learning for the term will be integrated across all areas of the Foundation Curriculum.

**INVESTIGATION TIME**

In Term 2, the children will continue to explore new and exciting investigation areas. These are based on the children’s interests and the Foundation AUSVELS curriculum. The children will learn the skills of communicating, decision making and problem solving as they interact with their peers in a natural way.

**LITERACY**

During Term 2, we will continue to focus on using pictures to help us read. We will look for the most frequently used words whilst reading and begin to use them in our writing. We will continue to practise how to form letters correctly, also concentrating on the sounds they make.

**MATHEMATICS**

In Term 2, we will be focusing on the following areas:

**Number & Algebra**

- Counting from 0-20 forwards and backwards.
- Subitising small collections of objects. e.g. reading the numbers on a dice.
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Ordinal Numbers 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}
- Patterns

**Measurement & Geometry**

- 2D shapes
- Length – long and short
Ideas for things you can do at home!

✔ Involve your child in simple shopping experiences. For example, when at the shops ask your child to read the numbers they see on signs or on items.

✔ Play board games where your child rolls dice and has to count and read the numbers to move around the board.

✔ Reading to your child is a great way to spend time with your child and it models to them what good reading looks like. Encourage them to discuss what is happening in the pictures and make attempts at familiar letters and words in the book.

REMINDEERS

Foundation children have Sport day every Wednesday. However, can we please ask that on non sport days that you ensure that your child wears appropriate black school shoes.

LIBRARY BORROWING

Due to the current refurbishment of the Nano Nagle Nook (library, unfortunately we do not yet have a set day for our Library borrowing. We will continue to borrow from the books we have been allocated with in our classrooms until we are able to choose a set day. As soon as the children are able to access and borrow books from the Nook, we will use TiqBiz to inform you of the weekly borrowing day.

COMMUNICATION BOARD

FAC has a parent communication board on the wall as you walk into the classrooms via the office. It informs you about the learning intentions we are focusing on for the fortnight and will give ideas of concepts to work with your child at home, if you wish to do so.
CONTACT US

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and talk to us or contact us via email.

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