Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2! We hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter break!

At the beginning of Term 2, we have concluded our Inquiry topic of ‘Be well, feel well, stay well’ by teaching our 1/2 buddies about health and fitness through games and activities. We will now begin our next Inquiry topic of ‘Living Things’. We will look at the difference between living and nonliving organisms and how the environment influences behaviour, reproduction, response and other characteristics on these living things.

This term, Year 3 students have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and are now preparing for their first Eucharist. Students will be participating in lessons and activities throughout the months of April and May to help prepare them in receiving this sacrament. Our Religion focus, working in conjunction with our Inquiry unit, will explore the creation story and the different animals and environments in our world. Students will also use the Catholic Social Principles as a way to teach us how to take care of the world God created for our us.

In Mathematics, we are practising our multiplication skills. We encourage you and your child to choose one timetable per week to focus on to help them in their learning. We are also working on subtraction problems with trading and exploring money in everyday situations. For example calculating the total of items and working out the change. In Measurement and Geometry we are investigating Angles and 3D shapes. Students are looking at the properties of shapes and the different types of angles. In Statistics and Probability we are investigating the likelihood of events occurring. Try to use the language of chance when appropriate situations arise at home, for example, we will definitely do our grocery shopping on Saturday.

In Reading we are teaching strategies that will help the children understand what they read. For example, visualising is when we make a picture in our mind to help us understand the story more fully.
In **Writing**, our focus will continue working on Narratives and Expositions. The students will also work on Letter Writing and Poetry. We will also look at punctuation, spelling, grammar and the development of their vocabulary throughout their writing.

The **diary** is still a form of communication and we encourage you to read with your child for 10-15 minutes and record this daily. This will be monitored **every Friday** by the classroom teacher.

On the 27th of May, students will be participating in a ‘Living Things’ incursion. Students will be classifying different objects into living and nonliving things and looking at different stations of specimens.

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