



2019 Foundation Term 1 News

Foundation Term 1 Newsletter 2019

Welcome to FJC and FBK 2019

We hope you had a safe and restful break and are ready for a new and exciting year of learning. We have begun the year working altogether as one group and we will finalise the 2 class lists very shortly and communicate to you who your child's teacher is.

Our Foundation classroom teachers for this year are:

FJC Jessica Connolly

FBK Beck Kealy

We work together as a learning community, in which we aim to create a safe and engaging learning environment.

We provide a variety of learning experiences where the children will interact with each other and both teachers in the community.



Important Dates for this Term:

- Goal Setting Interviews- Tuesday 19th February 3:30pm onwards
- Goal Setting Interviews- Wednesday 20th February 3:30 pm onwards
- Opening School Mass- Friday 22nd February 9:15am
- Foundation School Photos- Friday 22nd February 12:45pm
- Commissioning Mass- Sunday 24th February 10:30am
- Shrove Tuesday & Burning of the Ashes- Tuesday 5th March 10:30am
- Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass- Wednesday 6th March 9:15am
- Labour Day (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)- Monday 11th March
- Foundation Prayers & Pyjamas Night- Tuesday 12th March 6:30pm
- School Closure Day- Monday 18th March
- Foundation & 5/6 Community Mass- Friday 29th March 9:15am
- Stations of the Cross Viewings- Wednesday 3rd April
- Stations of the Cross Viewings- Thursday 4th April
- End of Term 1- Friday 5th April 3:15pm



GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday the 19th of February and Wednesday 20th parents and students are encouraged to attend a short 10minute interview with their teacher to discuss the learning goals that the students have made. It is also an opportunity to communicate any questions or concerns with your child's teacher. Please keep up to date with FlexiBuzz messages that will inform you of the booking process.

LUNCHBOXES

Throughout the day there are two allocated eating times. We ask you to provide 2 mini lunches. We also ask you to provide a water bottle that contains only water for your child to drink throughout the day.

Some healthy food ideas are fruit, yoghurt, cheese, biscuits and sandwiches, wraps and pasta. PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS ARE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term's Inquiry topic is all about 'Relationships'. Students will be exploring who they are and how they belong to different groups and understand that everyone is different and unique. Students will explore friendships and be encouraged to treat everyone respectfully and to be fair. Students will also learn the importance of a safe and happy classroom, by learning the rules and working together. Students will discuss the question 'Who is God?' and listen to and respond to stories of people in Jesus Christ's family. Students will also explore Lent as a time of growth, change and service. They will also learn about the Last Supper and Jesus Christ's journey to the cross in Holy Week.



INVESTIGATION TIME

We will begin our introduction to the process of Investigation Time this term. The children will explore investigation areas around the community enabling them to communicate and interact in a friendly way with their classmates.

The children will use their investigations during their Literacy and Mathematics learning throughout the day.

LITERACY

During Term 1 we will begin the process of learning letters and sounds and beginning to practise the skill of blending words. We are also working on using an appropriate volume of voice when communicating with our classmates.

MATHEMATICS

In Term 1, we will be focusing on the following areas:

Number:

Reading, writing, making and counting numbers and making groups of objects with concrete materials.

Measurement and Geometry:

Describing position and movement using mathematical terms such as across, above, around, behind, in front etc.



Ideas for things you can do at home!

Here are some suggestions on what you can do to support your child this Term at school:

- Begin to develop independence by encouraging your child to hold their own school bag.
- Encourage your child to unpack their own bag in the morning and only assist if they need help.
- Encourage your child to dress themselves in the morning.
- Once your child has unpacked their school bag, ask them to go to the toilet before the school day begins.
- When your child wants something, encourage them to ask in a sentence and use their words to express their wants and needs.
- Read a bed time story and talk with your child about the pictures and help them to notice letters and words in the text.
- Talk about the stories you read together and ask them questions such as, What might happen next? What did you like about the story? What happened on that page?
- Encourage your child to notice numbers and practise counting forwards and backwards from 0-20.

REMINDERS

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

The library borrowing days are :~

FJC - Thursday

FBK - Friday

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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