

Welcome to 2022!

Welcome back to a new year of school! We hope you all had a lovely holiday. The students have all grown so much over the break and seem well and truly ready for lots of learning and fun! How exciting to have four new Kindies, Hagan, Bodhi, Selena and Oscar join our four Pre-primaries, including our new friend, Leon.

We would also like to welcome our new Education Assistant, Miss Chloe Cybula. All the students have already been very helpful in guiding her around their classroom and daily routines!

Below is some information and a snapshot of our learning plans this term. We look forward to seeing you at our parent evening this Wednesday night at 5.30pm to elaborate and answer any questions you may have.



Save the date!

- Parent information evening – 2nd Feb
- P&F Big Bash from 5:30 pm – 11th Feb
- Little Joey's begins – 25th Feb
- Ash Wednesday School Mass – 2nd Mar
- St. Joseph's Day KPP Liturgy – 21st Mar



What are we learning this term?

During inquiry lessons this term we will commence with a scientific inquiry into how things in our environment can change in big and little ways, from day and night, seasons and weather and how a large rock can even be changed to something very small.

In Religion, our first unit of study will look at what makes each of us unique and special, and how we can talk to God through prayer.

In Maths we will commence with exploring how to compare and sort objects into groups before moving to explore small and double-digit numbers as we are ready.

In Literacy, the children will be engaged in shared and individualised spelling and reading programmes, focussing on oral language, pre-literacy skills and concepts of print.

Gross motor and fine motor skills will be developed through our Physical Education and outdoor programmes, Fantastic Fingers sessions and Handwriting lessons.

In Music, we will engage our listening skills to explore sounds around us and develop the musical concepts of rhythm, dynamics and pitch.

Morning Fruit Time

Every day our Fruit Time routine will involve the children eating their own fruit independently whilst listening to our shared book.

Please send fruit (or vegetables) already cut in a small separate container so the children do not need to bring their whole lunchbox inside to the mat.



Sport Days

Sport days for our class are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child is dressed in school sports uniform or suitable clothes with running shoes to enable them to participate comfortably.



Library Day

Our class library day is Monday. Please ensure you have sent in a library bag for your child to place their borrowed library book in to bring home for the week.

Box Donations

Please send in any small boxes you may have for our box construction area. Thank you!

News Time

Our news day for this term is Monday. A topic for each week will be texted to you weekly. This helps ensure that the news topics we choose are relevant to the children's interests and our current learning.

Hats

Each child should have their own St Joseph's school hat. If your child was in the class in 2021, we may have their (washed) hat at school already. The children's hats will remain at school throughout the year, so they are always at hand when we head outdoors to play and learn.

