

A Busy Start to the Year

Wow, we have had a fantastic start to 2022 in the K/PP class. The students have all settled in beautifully. It has been a delight to see how quickly the children have settled into the classrooms routines and their great enthusiasm to explore, play and learn with their peers both indoors and out.

We trust you have all enjoyed an extra day off yesterday and the children's batteries are recharged for the remainder of the term.

In the next couple of weeks we will begin the very exciting process of preparing for our first class Liturgy. Our class will host and lead the school service for St Joseph's Day. While you unfortunately will not be able to attend in person all of the parts they participate in and any reflections or movies made will be shared with you so you can also participate in the service and watch them afterwards with your child at home.

Special Future Events

- Rice Day - 17th Mar
- St. Joseph's Day KPP Liturgy - 21st Mar
- Parent Teacher Interviews - 24th Mar
- Portfolios Go Home - 6th April
- Last Day for Students - 8th April



Learning Experiences still to come in Term 1

In our Inquiry classes we have had fun exploring how scientists make observations using their senses and how we can identify small changes that take place in our world through our senses, such as day changing to night and how things look, feel, sound, smell and even taste different at different times of the day. We will now start to explore how the sun and earth influence longer term changes such as the seasons.

In Religion, we will conclude our first unit of study about prayer and begin looking more closely at how we prepare for the celebration of Easter through the season of Lent.

During maths the students have done a wonderful job sorting and comparing groups of objects and exploring why we count and need to learn about numbers while also reading number and making collections to match different numbers. We are going to shortly turn our attention to 2D and 3D shapes.

Finally in Literacy, the children will continue to develop their pre-reading and writing skills. With focus on rhyming words for our kindy children and letter sounds along with blending and segmenting the sounds in simple words for our Pre-Primary children. During shared book reading we will move on from retelling Fairy Tales to less familiar texts. The children will continue to develop their skills of retelling of these stories using their own words. Watch out for some fun retells coming your way on Seesaw.

Inquiry Learning

Last Thursday Ms DeCampo, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Kelly spent the day (virtually) with other Early Childhood Teachers from the area, further developing our understanding and skills to support students during our inquiry learning sessions.

During this time we had the opportunity to explore some innovative ways to use some simple Apps to enhance the students opportunities communicate their learning while developing their own Digital Tech skills. Keep your eye out on Seesaw as we begin to use and share these in our classroom.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

All students parents are invited to attend our (virtual) Parent/Teacher interviews scheduled for Thursday 24th March.

Information explaining how these will run and time slots for each family will be sent out closer to the day. We are looking forward to catching up with each of you.

Canteen

Thank you to our wonderful families who have already helped out in canteen on Tuesdays. Canteen lunches are definitely a hit with our class. Please remember to have the lunch order bags filled out either in your child's Communication Book or Lunch Box so they are easy for them to find and place into the basket first thing Tuesday mornings.



Maths Strategies

Along with the Year 1/2 class, the Pre-Primaries have been applying their maths knowledge of 'same or different' to find all the possible combinations when given various objects. We have now moved on to solving number stories through grouping and counting, using problem solving strategies such as acting it out, using objects and drawing a picture.

Box Donations

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

Music with Mrs. Ellis

In Music, the students have been singing their favourite songs and singing games while they practice keeping the beat and learn about Rhythm. To explore Timbre, they have shared a story called 'The Listening Walk', matching the sounds in the story to percussion instruments. They were then inspired to embark on their own listening walk and are keen to create their own story enhanced with percussion sounds.

