Important Dates

8th February: Parent Information Night
6.30pm-7.15pm

28th February: Shrove Tuesday

1st March: Ash Wednesday

10th March: Pupil Free Day

13th March: Adelaide Cup Day

17th March: St Patrick’s Day

20th March: Feast of St Joseph

24th March: Sports Day

13th April: Holy Week Liturgy
at 9.15am

School Holidays commence

14th April: Good Friday

Welcome to Reception

Welcome to the New Year. The children have settled in and are beginning to form new friendships and become familiar with the school routines.

In this newsletter we have included some important dates for your information. We have also included a general overview of the topics being covered this term.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information evening on Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm in your child’s classroom.

Regards from,
Romina Belperio
Mary Ben
Diana Bucco & Anna Catalano
Jules Morgan

English

This term we will be focusing on sound/letter/word relationships. We are encouraging children to explore concepts about print and develop their oral language skills through storytelling. Through shared reading we will be teaching strategies including:

- Picture Walks
- Pointing to the words
- Looking at the pictures for cues
- Looking at the initial and final letter

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing these strategies when your child is reading at home. If you have any questions regarding these strategies please see your classroom teacher.
Mathematics

This term there will be a focus on number and patterning. Children will begin to make connections between number names, numerals and quantities up to 10. They will begin to group and describe objects according to common characteristics and make and continue simple patterns.

Physical Education

This term in sport students will begin by undertaking athletic testing which will see where students are at in terms of their key components of speed, power, agility, fitness and hand eye coordination which are required for all sports. We will look to improve these key components for each student throughout the year. We will move into athletics and cricket as the focus sports for Term 1. I am looking forward to a great year. Steve Grelli

Italian

Welcome to our 2017 school year. As part of our languages program, reception students will be participating in two 35 minute lessons of Italian per week. This term during our Italian lessons we will be focusing on the bilingual text, Ecco Pinocchio. The language focus will be greetings, body parts, classroom language and colours. Later in the term we will also be looking at two texts about Easter, La Sorpresa and La Pasqua in Italia. These texts will introduce students to cultural aspects and practices of Easter in Italy. We will identify similarities and differences in the cultural practices of Italians and Australians. I am looking forward to working with your child.

Grazie, Jenny De Vizio
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Religion/ MITIOG

The children will be learning about the sacrament of Baptism and how they belong to the church and God's family. They will explore how they belong to a family and how they are loved. They will begin to recognise that Lent is a time to think about how we treat others and explore the values that Jesus taught us.

HASS

The children will explore important events in their own lives and recognise why some places are special to them. They will respond to questions about their own past and places they belong to and reflect on their learning to suggest ways they can care for places they belong to.

Design and Technology

The children will design and create a model of a place that they belong to; for examples a bedroom, classroom, playground. Students will be encouraged to choose appropriate materials and tools and demonstrate safe use of equipment.

Health

This term we will be focusing on ourselves and our feelings. Children will practice personal and social skills to interact positively with others. They will identify and describe different emotions they may experience.