Welcome to Term 1

We’re looking forward to an exciting start to the school year.

It is important that your child arrives by 8.45am for the start of school so that they have time to organise themselves for the day. Lessons will begin at 9am.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform. Sport shoes should be white, or mainly white. Sport uniform is to be worn on PE days only.

Our aim is to work collaboratively with families as we value your contribution to your child’s learning.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year in partnership with you and your child.

If you have any questions, please see your classroom teacher/s.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Anne Maloney, Maria Montatore, Belinda Muscat, Barb Cornwell, Su George, Deb Gocur and Tanya Nigro.
Religious Education

This term our Religious Education topic is, ‘God Loves Me’.

During the Holy Week and Easter season students will learn about how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is celebrated in the seasons and feasts of the Church’s Liturgical Year.

The children will also be involved in planning our Year Level Mass. They will help to choose the songs and write the Prayers of the Faithful.

Each class will have a variety of prayer experiences each day. Prayer monitors may create a sacred space, which becomes the focus for the morning prayer service.

English

This year as part of our whole school literacy plan we will be concentrating on reading for meaning. We will be closely monitoring your child’s comprehension of the text when changing their take home books. We would appreciate your support with this at home by questioning your child about the story they have read, discussing the meaning of words as well as simply enjoying the story together.

Spelling will be composed of family words and sight words.

As part of the English curriculum, the students will be involved in a variety of oral language activities.

Students will be exploring recount and procedure texts. We will be consolidating the students’ knowledge of the structure and language involved in these text types.

Reminders:

- Take home readers will be sent home in Week 5. Please check that your child has recorded their nightly reading.

- Students will need to wear their school hat for all outside activities.
Mathematics

We will be strengthening our number skills by following The Basic Number Skills Program. This will help reinforce our students automatic recall of number facts.

This term our Mathematics program will include the following concepts.

**Number and Algebra**

Year 1
Develop confidence with number sequences to and from 100 by ones from any starting point. Recognise, model, read, write and order numbers to at least 100. Locate these numbers on a number line. Skip count by twos, fives and tens starting from zero.

Year 2
Investigate number sequences, initially those increasing and decreasing by twos, threes, fives and tens from any starting point.
Recognise, model, represent and order numbers to at least 1000.
Group, partition and rearrange collections up to 1000 in hundreds, tens and ones to facilitate more efficient counting.
Name and order months and seasons. Use a calendar to identify the date and determine the number of days in each month.

**Measurement and Geometry**

**Location and transformation**

Year 1
Give and follow directions to familiar locations.
Year 2
Interpret simple maps of familiar locations and identify the relative positions of key features.

**Statistics and Probability**

Year 1
Choose simple questions and gather responses. Represent data with objects and drawings on a graph. Interpret information from these graphs.
Year 2
Identify a question of interest based on one categorical variable. Gather data relevant to the question. Collect, check and classify data. Create displays of data using lists, table and picture graphs and interpret them.

**History/Geography**

This term in Geography we will be investigating ‘Our Place in the World’. The students will be describing the scale of places, from the personal (home), the local (their suburb, town or district), the regional (state) to the national (country). The way the world is represented in geographic divisions and the location of Australia in relation to these divisions using Google Earth.

In History we will investigate a significant person and building in the local community and what it reveals about the past.
Health

As part of Health and Wellbeing we will be focusing on Positive Mind Set.
We will be learning about different relationships and through a variety of experiences develop co-operative work, social skills and resilience.
As part of the Child Protection Curriculum, students will be exploring and understanding their rights and responsibilities.
Parents and caregivers may refer to the Kids Matter website www.kidsmatter.edu.au which is a useful resource for families.

Science

Our Science unit called Water Works provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for, a precious natural resource. Through investigations, students explore how water is used, where water comes from and how to use it responsibly.

Italian – Mrs Jenny DeVizio

Welcome to the 2017 school year. This term the Year 1/2 students will be focusing on the text and topic Viva L’Australia. We will be learning about famous landmarks in both Australia and in Italy. Using the modelled language and information researched, students will then construct their own text entitled Vado e Vedo (I go and I see).

Another focus in the topic will be Australian animals and descriptive language. Using retrieval charts and modelled language, students will write a simple report in Italian on an Australian animal.

I am looking forward to working with your child.

Physical Education – Mr Steven Grelli

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.

Looking forward to a great year.