Welcome back to a brand new year! We especially welcome both Miss Orla Kitt and those children and families who are new to Holy Spirit.

**What we are learning in Term One**

**Literacy:** During Term 1, students will focus on Recounts, Narratives and Persuasive writing. We will also cover grammar concepts, spelling, reading and comprehension strategies.

**Mathematics:** Students will be exploring place value, number, time and measurement this term. We will also be revising and consolidating numerous concepts taught throughout the previous year.

**Religious Education:** In Term 1, Students will be learning about the church and its role in the community. We will also study and celebrate the season of Lent and Easter.

**Science:** The Beneath our Feet unit provides opportunities for students to explore how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings. Students will develop an understanding of soils, rocks and landscapes and how they change over time.

**History:** During Term 1, the students will be researching stories of the First Fleet, including reasons for the journey, who travelled to Australia, and their experiences following arrival.

**Health:** Students will be exploring ways to communicate and interact for health and well-being and learning of ways they can contribute to healthy and active communities.

**ICT/Art:** ICT and Art this term will be integrated with English as a part of our Narrative unit.

**Weekly Schedule**

- **Room 10**
  - Indonesian - Tuesday
  - Sport – Wednesday and Friday
  - Music – Wednesday
  - Library – Friday

- **Room 12**
  - Indonesian - Wednesday
  - Sport – Tuesday and Friday
  - Music – Wednesday
  - Library - Thursday

- **Room 13**
  - Indonesian – Wednesday
  - Sport – Wednesday and Friday
  - Music – Thursday
  - Library - Friday

**Upcoming Dates for Term 1**

- Family night at Casuarina Pool
- Parent Information Night
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Whole School Opening Mass
- Life Education Van
- Parent- Teacher Goal Setting
- Reward Afternoon
- Harmony Day
- Holy Week
- Easter Raffle
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Reward Afternoon

- 5th February
- 9th February
- 10th February
- 12th February
- 15th–19th February
- 23rd/24th February
- 26th February
- 18th March
- 21st – 25th March
- 23rd March
- 25th March
- 28th March
- 1st April

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**Homework**

Homework will start in Week 3. It will be issued on Mondays and folders are due back for marking each Friday. Students are expected and encouraged to complete the following:

- **Read for at least 15 minutes per night.** Readers/leveled texts **must** be changed upon completion.
- **Weekly Spelling words** – Simple spelling activities will be suggested to help children learn their weekly words (e.g. look, say, cover, write, check)
- **Spelling/Grammar task sheet** that relates to their weekly spelling sound and words along with a grammar focus.
- **Maths Mate worksheet,** to develop understanding of concepts being taught in Mathematics throughout the year.

**Children receive extra Dojo points for completed homework.**