We are very excited about spending the year with your children. We hope that this year brings many positive learning experiences for all students. The information below will assist students and families with a successful beginning to the year.

**What We Are Learning in Term 1...**

**English:**
Recounts, narrative and persuasive text types. Grammar, spelling and comprehension strategies.

**Maths:**
Place value, number operations, time, length and mass.

**Religious Education:**
Liturical Year of the Church: Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
God and Revelation: Students explore God’s presence in creation and God’s self-revelation in the Holy Spirit.

**Science:**
Biological Science – Living Things: Students investigate the physical and behavioural adaptations of living organisms.

**History:**
Australia as a Nation: Indigenous Rights and Freedoms. Indigenous contributions to Australian society and Aboriginal influence on people and environment.

**Library**
Room 17 borrow on Mondays.
Room 14 and 15 borrow on Fridays
Students MUST bring their borrowing bags. New bags can be purchased for $10.00 through the Front Office. Class Dojo points will be awarded each week to those who bring their bag in.

**Sport**
Room 14 & 15 - Tuesday and Friday
Room 17 - Wednesday and Friday
Students are permitted to wear sports shoes on these days.

**Maths**
Students will be streamed into 3 different Maths groups according to their learning needs. The students' Maths teacher may be different to their classroom teacher.

***Please Bring***

**Hats** - School hats need to be clearly labelled. New ones can be purchased from the Front Office for $15.00

**Water Bottle** - Clearly labelled and to be left permanently in the classroom fridge.

**Fruit Break** - Please provide a piece of fruit/ veg each day.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

Joffa’s Toon School  
February 5th

Family Welcoming Picnic (Casuarina Pool)  
February 5th 5.30 - 7pm

Parent Information Night  
February 9th 4.00 - 6.30 pm

Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
February 10th 11.00am

Whole school Opening Mass  
February 12th 8.30am

Life Education Van  
February 15th - 19th

Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Evening  
February 23th - 24th 3pm-6pm

Harmony Day Dinner  
March 18th @ 5.30pm

**HOMEWORK:**

Students are expected to complete homework each week. It will be handed out on Mondays. It MUST be completed and handed in to be marked in class on Fridays.

**SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Year 6 speeches are due by Wednesday of Week 2. An announcement will be made and badges presented at the Mass on Friday of Week 3.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

**Tissue box** - Each child needs to bring a box of tissues each term.

**Art smock** - Please bring a labelled art shirt in. This can be an old shirt or an art smock. It will be kept in class for the year.

**Pencil case** - Please provide a pencil case for your child to use for the year. All other stationary is provided.

**GALA DAYS**

Basketball - Feb 15th  
AFL - March 3rd  
Indoor Cricket - March 11th  
Rugby League - March 18th  
Netball - April 1st

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