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:**
Liturgical Year of the Church: Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
Church and Community: Students reflect on change and continuity in the praying, believing, living and Celebrating Church as it engages with the world.

**Science:**
Physical Science - It’s Electrifying: Electrical circuits provide a means of transferring and transforming electricity. Investigating energy from a variety of sources.

**History:**
Australia as a Nation: Colonies
Students study the founding of British colonies in Australia in the 1800’s.

**Music:**
Students will explore Reggae rhythms.

**LIBRARY**
Library borrowing is on Fridays for all classes.

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.

**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.

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

- MultiLit begins - February 6th
- Whole school Opening and Commissioning Mass - February 10th 8.30am
- Parent Information Night
  - February 7th 4.30 - 6.00 pm
  - Yr 5/6 session at 5.30pm
- Family Welcoming Night (Casuarina Pool)
  - February 10th 5.30 - 7pm
- Homework Centre begins (Mon and Tues)
  - 13th February
- Life Education Van - February 20th - 24th
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy - March 1st 11.00am
- Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Evening
  - February 28th and March 1st 3.00 - 6.00pm
- Reward Afternoon - 3rd March and 7th April
- Dance Nation - March 20th-24th
- Harmony Day Dinner - March 24th @ 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 only) Speeches will be presented at 1.30pm on Monday of Week 2. Sports Captains for 2017 will be announced at the Mass on Friday of Week 2.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

- **Tissue box** - Each child needs to bring a box of tissues each term.
- **Pencil case** - Please provide a pencil case for your child to use for the year. All other stationary is provided.

**GALA DAYS**

- Indoor Cricket - February 23rd
- AFL - March 10th
- Netball - March 10th
- Soccer - March 17th
- Rugby League - March 24th
- Touch Football - April 7th
- Basketball - April 7th

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