

Welcome to Foundation

Welcome to a wonderful year ahead in Foundation! It is such an exciting (and sometimes daunting) time for students and families but it is such a huge year of growth and development. I look forward to what will be a fantastic term of settling into school and establishing new friendships and routines.

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Key Dates

- Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February: Foundation Rest Days / Testing
- Sunday 23rd February: Beginning School Mass and Foundation Students introduced to the Parish at 9 am
- Monday 9th March: Labour Day – School Closure Day
- Wednesday 25th March: Parent & Teacher Conversation
- Friday 27th March: Last day of Term 1. Dismissal at 1 pm

Practicalities/Routine

- As your child begins their school education, we like to encourage independence by carrying and unpacking their own school bags.
- Every night the students should be spending 5 - 10 minutes reading the book that is in their reading pouch.
- Students are to bring their reading pouch to school every day. Each Monday students will be given 5 new reading books for the week that are changed by the classroom teacher. This will begin in Week 3.
- Books should be easy and read for enjoyment.

Specialist Timetable

- Specialists are every Wednesday. At St Joseph's, students participate in Art & Indonesian, Environmental Science and Physical Education
- Students are to wear their sports uniform every Wednesday
- Each Thursday, students will participate in a STEM class (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
- Students will borrow a book from the library on Tuesdays. Books must be returned each week

Buddies

Each Foundation child is buddied up with a Year 6 student/s where they will have multiple opportunities to do activities and build a relationship with each other.

PMP

PMP is a program that assists in developing our fine and gross motor skills and is enjoyed by all! Students are in small groups and rotate around doing various activities. It requires parents to help out in order for it to run smoothly. PMP will begin in Week 3. The sessions will be on Tuesday mornings at 9.15 – 10 am. If you are free, please write your name on the signup sheet on the classroom window.

LITERACY: READING

- Learn the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet
- Recognise what sounds words begin with
- Begin learning to read High Frequency Words
- Learn about full stops and capital letters
- Explore how pictures help build an understanding of the story

LITERACY: WRITING

- Focus on letter formation of each letter – both capital and lowercase letters
- Draw on their letter and sound understanding to have a go at writing the sounds they hear in words
- Begin learning to write High Frequency Words
- Use nursery rhymes to sequence events

LITERACY: SPEAKING & LISTENING

- Establish their whole body listening skills by learning to be still, looking at the person speaking, using eye contact while talking, taking turns and not calling out
- Be encouraged to share their ideas
- Teacher will model correct sentence structure and students to copy
- Build vocabulary in classroom activities

NUMERACY

This term we will focus on the following topics:

- **Counting:** Focus on the correct order going forwards and backwards
- **Place Value:** Breaking numbers up to 5 e.g. 2 and 3 make 5, 2 and 1 make 3
- **Capacity:** Understanding that objects hold more than others
- **2D Shape:** Looking at how many sides shapes have

RELIGION

This term we will be learning about the Church and who God and Jesus are. We will be focusing on Lent and Holy Week where students will have an opportunity to participate in various learning activities. Students will attend Whole School Masses on a fortnightly basis.

INQUIRY

In Term One, students will focus on living a healthy life. We will learn about making healthy choices with the food we eat and what we drink, the importance of exercising and personal hygiene. Students will also focus on safety on our roads and in the community, how to be safe around pets and learn about basic first aid and what to do in an emergency. Students will participate in a Pet Education Incursion, a Fresh Food Incursion and have the Life Education Van visit our school.