**Kindergarten Term 1, 2017**

**Routines**
- The children’s home readers are changed daily (Mon.-Thurs.).

**Monday** –
Brief assembly 8:45 in undercroft

**Tuesday** –
- Extra Sport lesson- wear sports uniform
- Music with Mrs Donna Hoy.

**Wednesday** –
- Banking Day

**Thursday** –
- Library with Mrs Michelle Martin – bring library bag.
- P.E. with Mr Edwin Wenyon wear sports uniform.

**Friday** –
- Whole School Assembly in hall 2.30 every second Friday (even weeks).

**Religion**

Kindergarten is studying two units this term:
- **Belonging to God’s Family**
  This module focuses on how we experience love as members of God’s family. We belong to God’s family just because we are part of God’s creation. Children will be invited to explore being part of family as a way to come to know God’s love.
- **Lent / Easter**
  In this module the children will explore the themes of Lent/Easter in a creative, integrated and relaxed way. The children will be involved in Easter activities and celebrations and become aware of the stories and symbols of Lent and Easter.

**ENGLISH**

Children will be engaging in the strands of: Reading & Viewing, Writing & Representing, Speaking & Listening.

These strands include such things as extending the children’s recognition of; print around the room, sight word lists associated with the History Unit, recognising initial sounds in words, beginning to read a variety of age appropriate texts, writing some recognisable words, grouping letters to form simple words, writing their own name, following simple class routines, interpreting simple instruction from teachers or peers, demonstrating attentive listening, making oral presentations to the class and expressing needs, feelings and wants.

Text types studied this term are; Personal Recount and Observation.

**Weebly Class Page**

Our class page has been created to reinforce and further students learning. You will find games and activities relevant to the work studied.

www.stjohnthebaptistfreshwater.com

Password: student.

We also recommend the children accessing Study Ladder for practice and extension tasks.

www.studyladder.com.au

**School Newsletter**

The School Newsletter is emailed every second Friday to parents.

[Link to School Newsletter]

Parent password: sjbparent

**MATHEMATICS**

Children will be working in the strands of: Data, Number, Space & Geometry, Measurement and Patterns & Algebra.

These strands include such concepts as;
- Counting to 30. Ordering, reading and representing numbers 0 – 20.
- Combining, separating and comparing collections of objects.
- Describing length and distance.
- Recognising, describing creating and continuing repeating patterns that increase and decrease.
- Recording simple descriptions and observations.
HISTORY UNIT

“My Family & Family Structures”

Personal and Family Histories provides students with the opportunity to learn about their own history and that of their family; this may include stories from a range of cultures and other parts of the world. As participants in their own history, students build on their knowledge and understanding of how the past is different from the present.

Visual Arts

Me & My Family!

In this unit, students explore their uniqueness and individuality in their making of artworks and recognise that other artists think about the uniqueness of people when they make portraits of them and their families. Students will make self-portraits and family portraits developing their observational skills and considering the qualities and relationships between features and how these are represented in their picture making.

PD/H/PE

(Personal Dev./Health/Physical Education)

Me and My Mates

1. What makes me special?
2. How can I develop good relationships with family, friends and others?

IMPORTANT DATES

8th February – Opening School Mass 9:15am
Parent Information Evening 6.30- 7.30pm
17th February – Drinks Under the Stars
20th – 24th February Child Centred Meetings
1st March Ash Wednesday
28th March Kinder Mass 9.15am
Sat 1st April Parish Mass – Kinder/Year1 Hosting- 5pm
5th April Holy Week Liturgy 10am

SCIENCE

What’s it made of?

This unit focuses on the properties of materials and objects which can be observed using our senses. By observing properties and communicating ideas about their observations, the children extend their awareness and understanding of their surroundings.

Positive Behaviours for Learning

Safe, Respectful Learners

This term’s focus:
* Be in the right place at the right time
* Learn and let others learn
* Care for our property and use our equipment correctly
* Safe and caring hands and feet

Communication:

If you need to discuss any issues with us, please feel free to write a note and send in with your child. Alternatively, if there is something specific you would like to discuss with regards to your child’s progress, please either ring the school office on 99396699 or send a note to organise an appointment. We are also contactable via email on:

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