

YEAR 3 TERM 4 LETTER 2017

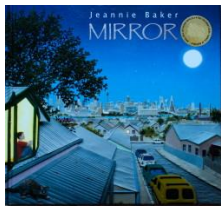


Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. It is lovely to see the sun shining! We have a busy term ahead full of activities including 3F class assembly, Boorowa Touch Football/Netball carnival, school photos, CPS basketball and the Family Christmas Event on 30th November..

Below is a brief outline of what topics will be covered in each subject area in Term 3:

Religion- 'Prayer and Celebration' - children will be learning about the Sacraments of Initiation and Christmas.



English- We will be integrating our Science Unit on Night and Day into both English and Creative Arts. Our focus is writing to inform and we will be engaging our students in non-fiction texts and topics of their interest. Later in the term our unit is 'Every Picture Tells A Story' focusing on Jeannie Baker's book 'Mirror'. We will discover the clever visual literacy techniques that authors and illustrators use to communicate ideas. Children write independently each day and will draft, conference edit and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive texts.

Children will continue to choose their own texts for Independent Reading in the classroom and at home. This will include fiction texts. We encourage **reading aloud** family members as well as independent reading. It is very important to continue to **record daily reading** on the Student Reading Record Sheets provided.



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Mathematics- All strands including Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, and Probability & Statistics. We are focusing on **times tables** and children's quick recall of number facts to 20.

Science- 'Night and Day'- The children will identify differences between night and day and the movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon. This will include fun science experiments such as shadow tracing and making and using our own sundials!



PDHPE- PE focus this term will be touch football, gymnastics, swimming and basketball.

Health : Our focus will be life changes and associated feelings and how safe practices promote personal wellbeing .

Visual Art- Children will learn about Art Appreciation and Painting with a focus on Vincent Van Gogh's artworks and then Christmas art.



Some Reminders:

- **Homework-** continues to comprise of Reading, Spelling and Maths Mentals. We do ask that **homework** be completed **by Monday morning**.
- **Sport Days:**
 - 3F are on Tuesday and Thursday*
 - 3M are on Wednesday and Thursday*
- **Library Days:**
 - 3F - Monday*
 - 3M - Tuesday*
- **Written notes** or **emails** are required to explain **all absences**, including children who are arriving late or leaving early from school.
- Please check that your child has **grey lead pencils** and **coloured pencils** or **windup crayons**, glue, scissors textas and especially a **RULER!!** 😊

- Please continue to **label** all children's clothing and any items they own.
- **HATS** - a reminder that our policy at St Mary's is no hat no play, so please ensure your child has their hat EVERY day. Thank you.
- **Water bottles** - children are expected to bring in water bottles to sip throughout the day. This is especially important with the hot weather we will be experiencing this term!
- **Fruit break**- remember to pack each day a small piece of fresh fruit for your child to re-energise midmorning.
- **Bell times**- please take note of our morning start to avoid students arriving late.

Morning session: 8.50 am to 11:20am

Middle session: 12 noon to 1:30 pm

Afternoon session: 2.00 pm to 3 pm

If you have any questions or concerns about your please do not hesitate to contact us to make an appointment.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Helen Flannery and Mrs Vanessa McIsaac



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