Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year at St Mary’s. It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces and new families. We look forward to meeting you all in Week 3 at our Parent Teacher Goal Setting Sessions. There will be two afternoons, Monday and Tuesday, where parents have the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss general expectations and learning goals.

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

**Religion**- The Word of God and We Prepare for Easter
**English**- includes Sound Waves Spelling and Grammar Rules programmes. Types of texts covered include Informative, Narrative and Persuasive.
**Mathematics**- All strands including Number, Measurement, Data, Space & Geometry and Working Mathematically
**Science**- Feathers, Fur or Leaves? Children will be studying how living things can be grouped and distinguished from non-living things.
**PDHPE**- PE focus - Games and Sport
**Health focus** - Personal Development and Protective Behaviours (self-awareness)
**Visual Art**- Drawing and Painting
**Music**- Singing and Movement

Some Reminders:
- **Sport** is on Monday.
- **PE** this year will be taught by Mr John Keighley and each class will have PE on different days.
  - 3B - Wednesday
  - 3G - Thursday
- **Library** day for 3B and 3G is on Thursday and will be taught by Mrs Joanne Murphy. Please remind your child to bring in their Library bag.
- Each class will be taught **Health** by Mr Dan O’Brien fort nightly.
- **Homework**- will comprise of Reading, Spelling and Maths Mentals activities. We do ask that homework be **returned by Fridays** as Maths will be discussed and marked as a whole class activity.
  Home Reading begins **Week 3**
  Spelling and Maths Mentals begins **Week 4**
• **Paint shirts** are required for all children to participate fully in Art lessons. Please bring in to school as soon as possible.

• **Fruit break** - remember to pack each day a **small piece of fresh fruit**. If preferred, children may bring in carrot or cucumber sticks etc.

• **School hat** is to be worn daily.

• Please continue to **label** all children’s clothing and any items they own.

• **Written notes** are required to explain **all absences**, including children who are arriving **late** or leaving **early** from school.

• **Bell times**
  - Morning session: **8.50 am** to **11.20 am**
  - Middle session: **12.00 pm** to **1.30 pm**
  - Afternoon session: **2.00 pm** to **3.00 pm**

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Ursula Sewell and Ms Jillian Murray*