

# COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2016

## Dates to Remember

11 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's Primary School P & F Disco
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harmony Day Dress up day
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday (Centre closed)
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Saturday
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Sunday
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Monday (Centre Closed)

### Prayer

1, 2, 3 we sit quite still and softly say,  
Thank you for our meal today.  
God bless our cook, our teachers, our mums  
and dads and all of us.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit.  
Amen

### REMINDER Board . .

- Please make sure all accounts are up to date.
- **Kangaroo and Joey** library sessions are on **Wednesdays**. Please bring a library bag so your child/children can borrow library books, throughout the school terms.
- **Tuesday mornings 2-2:30 pm** Kangaroos and Joeys have their Music lesson in the music room throughout the school terms.
- If you have old clothing sized between 3-5 that is no longer needed, please bring it in as we are always in need of spare clothing.
- Children must wear **shoes** with secure backs so they are less likely to fall or injure themselves. Shoes are also needed when playing in the school playground.
- We are a Sun Smart Centre! Hats are a must for outside play. Please remind your child to bring a hat daily. Children without hats will have to stay undercover.

Dear families,

What an exciting and busy month we have upon us.

We have the St Mary's Primary School P & F Disco night this Friday night 11<sup>th</sup> of March, all families are welcome to come and join in on the dancing fun!

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be joining in on the St Mary's Harmony Day celebrations with cultural dress ups, and food tasting so if your child has cultural attire please celebrate together.

We have just had a new gate installed on Cavenagh Street with a push button lock. This gate has been installed to ensure there is no unauthorized access and that your children are safe and secure. If visitors are coming to pick your children up, please advise them to go through the front office in Lindsay Street.

Miss Kendy ☺

### Joeys:

These last couple of weeks have been a great opportunity for us to get to know each child well as we have such a small group. We have already covered a range of learning topic like; how do we make playdough? How do bees make honey? What happens to caterpillars? Do chameleons really change colours? I am really excited to see where the children's interest will take me to next.

We have been developing our listening skills which are encouraged through a range of mat time and group time activities and also one on one activities with an educator. We have also been working on the concept of waiting for a turn which is encouraged by playing games like doggy doggy and duck duck goose.

I would also like to start doing PE with the children on Monday mornings so if your child could be wearing running shoes on a Monday that will be great, we will be focusing on a range of different physical development skills.

Friday is our show and tell day. We do discourage children from bringing in toys as they can cause unnecessary conflicts. Show and tell is about building the children confidence and social skills so please bring in what your child is most likely to talk about. If your child does not attend on a Friday they are welcome to bring show and tell in another day we just ask that you let the educators know in the morning so we could place it on the shelf.

Thank you ☺ Miss Anna-lea

### Kangaroos:

Half a term has gone by and the Kangaroos are well into their learning. We have started off our letter of the week learning where we focus on one letter per week. With this letter children are involved in a range of activities on different days of the week. Children complete the activities on the days that they attend Kangaroos. We look at the letter and the sound that the letter makes. This is a great way to prepare the children for school as they begin to develop their knowledge of the sounds of letters. On a Friday the children participate in 'show and tell' sharing something they bring from home that starts with the letter of the week. For example this week (29.02.2016-04.03.2016) is letter 'd' so on Friday the children might bring in a dinosaur or something else starting with a 'd' to share with their friends. Each week we go on to the next letter in the alphabet. This is also a great way for the children to grow in confidence.

A large group of children are showing an interest in doctors and skeletons and are involved in pretend play. We will be using a variety of activities to extend and build on their learning. This will include looking at a range of skeleton models, puzzles and x-rays to help identifying the names of bones and features that they may have.

We are very lucky to be able to attend our first Mandarin language lesson with Miss Michelle on Tuesday mornings. We attend these sessions for 20 minutes.

Reminders: Please bring in Library bags on a Wednesdays  
Kangaroos start at 8.30 daily

On a Friday please make sure your child is here before 8.40 at the latest as we attend school assemblies, and children arriving late is disruptive both to other students and the class taking assembly

Miss Kendy

From all of us at St Mary's Community of Learners have a wonderful month! ☺



# Learning at COL in the month of February . . .



Bumble Bee painting



Reading animal books with Miss Kirsten



Collage gluing and cutting



Team work Story Making Play dough



Mat time!



YAY our trampoline has been clean!



Let's all go the doctors



Writing our name



Our rollercoaster of learning



Kangaroos doing lots of investigative play based learning.

