

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Dates to Remember

5 th February	Welcome Morning Tea Mary MacKillop Hall 9.15am
8 th February	Chinese New Year
9 th February	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) P & F Meeting 5:30
10 th February	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
12 th February	Opening School Mass 9am, Cathedral
19 th February	Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin

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



- 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 9-9:30 am** 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,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families to St Mary's Catholic Primary School Community of Learners and welcome back our returning families.

All children have an allocated locker and mail pocket in their sign in rooms-either Joeys or Kangaroos. Please ensure you check your child(ren)s pockets each day for newsletters, receipts or notes.

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.

There is a Welcome Morning tea for all St Mary's families on Friday 5th Feb at 9.15am following the school assembly. Please come along and meet other families.

Miss Kendy ☺

Joeys:

A big welcome to the start of 2016 school year. Miss Anna-lea will be away for the first week and will be back for Feb 8th. The Joeys group for this year has lots of new and exciting things to look forward to.

This term we will be focusing on "all about me" and "my family". The children will be discussing who they live at home with? What their house is like? Do they have any pets?

For now there will be no set days for children to bring show and tell in. If children have something they would like to share with the group they are highly encouraged to do so. We discourage children from bringing toys from home as they can cause conflict and the toys may get lost or broken. Show and tell is a great way for building up children's confidence and social and language skills.

As the term progresses we will started to talk about the letters in the alphabet and the sounds they make. Also we will be making a herb garden with Miss Sethu.

Chinese New Year is on the Monday 8th February if you have any suggestions or items at home that could help to celebrate please do bring them in.

If you have any concerns regarding your child or have any suggestions for activities, please feel free to come and have a chat with Anna-Lea at any time ☺

I look forward to working with you and your child throughout this year.

Anna-lea Higgins

Group Leader

Kangaroos:

Another year has begun and I am very excited to be working with most of your children. I am looking forward to meeting you all and starting the learning journey for 2016. Currently we are running one Kangaroo preschool session in the mornings from 8.30-11.30am each day in Room 8 at the school.

We are lucky enough to be able to use and incorporate some of St Mary's Catholic Primary School's great facilities into our program. We will attend whole school assemblies on a Friday morning from 8.40 and extend a welcome to you all if you would like to attend with us. We will also be visiting the school library once a week on a Wednesday, which means the children will get to borrow books to bring home and enjoy. Your child will just need to bring a waterproof bag labelled with their names (something as easy as a Coles or Woolworth shopping bag is fine). The children will also attend a weekly music session with Mrs Wilmore in the Music Room.

I will endeavour to keep you updated with what we are learning about in our classroom. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to let me know. I am looking forward to meeting you all and working with you throughout the year.

Thanks,

Kendy
Early Childhood Teacher
Assistant Director

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



Learning at COL in the month of January . . .



Love to learn!



Shapes and bugs



Learning Time



Team work Story Telling



Drawing our family



Hand prints!



Outdoor time!



Chinese New Year Lanterns



First week at Kangaroos!

