Foundation
2015
Parent Information Booklet-Term Four

Teachers
Mrs Cathy Busch and Mrs Antoinette Ferrari (Thursday afternoons)
Welcome back to the final term of the children's first year of school!

How the time has flown!

Once again we have a busy term ahead of us with the school musical 'Seussical the Musical', the school two week swimming block culminating with the St. James Swimming Carnival and an excursion with Year 2 into the city to see the Myer Christmas Windows and the National Art Gallery of Victoria. Details to follow.

On Mondays the children will continue to rehearse with Kate Kennedy in the school Hall.

The times of these rehearsals will vary during the term.

Children will be practising the songs on Friday afternoons and with Kate.

We again thank Bernadette Dodd for all her work with the costumes and preparation for the big night! The fish are so bright and colourful. They look really effective.

Please find below the words to the song, 'It's Possible'

This song is our class song, so if you have a spare moment you might like to 'You Tube' the song and sing along!

The words to the song 'It's Possible' are:

This might be a pool like I've read of in books
Connected to one of those underground brooks
An underground river that starts here and flows
Right under the bathtub and then who knows?
It's possible, anything's possible

It might go along down where no one can see
Right under state highway, two hundred and three
Right under the wagon, right under the toes
Of Mrs. Umbroso, who's hanging out clothes

It's possible, anything is possible
It's possible, anything is possible

This might be a river, now mightn't it be
Connecting McElligot's pool with the sea
Then maybe some fish might be swimming
Swimming towards me

Oh, the sea is so full of a number of fish
And if a fellow is patient, he might get his wish
And that's why I think I'm not such a fool
When I sit here and fish in McElligot's pool

It's possible, anything's possible
It's possible, anything's possible

Well, this might be a river, mightn't it be
Connecting McElligot's pool with the sea
Then maybe some fish might be swimming
Swimming towards me

I still think that I'm not such a fool
When I sit here and fish in McElligot's pool
It's possible, it's possible
Anything is possible

It's possible
Anything is possible
It's possible, possible
It's possible, it's possible
We are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning.

Please find below an overview of Term 4.

**Religious Education**

On Wednesday mornings we will continue to join with the Year 2 children, Miss Whiffen and Miss Liston in their classroom to share morning prayer. Please come along.

The two units we will be covering this term are called, 'God’s Great Family' and 'Emmanuel! God is With Us!'.

In 'God’s Great Family', the children will explore belonging to a family and to the people of God. They will look at Abraham and Sarah as a story of promise and trust, the Bible, Old Testament and being part of the parish family and God's family. The children will learn about some of the people in Jesus' family and listen to some Gospel stories about Jesus early life.

In the unit, Emmanuel! God is With Us! the children will look at the seasons of Advent and Christmas. They will explore the concepts of waiting and preparing that are expressed through the use of the Advent calendar, wreath and the story of John the Baptist. Advent is the Church season where we prepare for Jesus' birth. The colour purple is used in the Church at this time.

Children will listen to Gospel stories of the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds. The Christmas story will be the focus of the unit and that Jesus is God's greatest gift to us.
**English**

In English we will continue to work on building up our reading stamina of fifteen minutes, use a capital letter at the start of a sentence, a full stop at the end and to use word spaces in-between words, look at talking/speech marks in a text and to change our voices when we read them.

For those children who would like a challenge, this term we will begin the 'Busch Spelling Bee'. The idea is loosely based on the TV show but looking at the Busch high frequency words. It is completely for fun and not meant to pressure or worry the children. Once the children can identify the Busch high frequency words then they can work on learning how to spell the words. Please come and let me know if this causes any anxiety or worry in your child.

Children will continue to use their 'Writing 'book, working on where to write on the dotted thirds lines, to keep their writing within the lines and spaces and to stay on the base writing line.

Please see below as a reference to where the letters sit on the writing line.

We will continue with 'The Daily 5' as part of our morning Literacy block; 'Read to Self', 'Work on Writing', 'Read to Someone', 'Listen to Reading' and 'Word Work' will continue throughout the term.

Every second Monday morning this term the children have their ICT lesson with Mrs Loreto Campbell from 10-11am in the Library

Library bags are needed on a **Wednesday**. When children have finished reading their Library books, they can be returned to school in the Library bag before Wednesday by placing the bag into the yellow plastic container which is located at the back of the classroom.

We will be reading in the Library books by Eric Carle like 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Mister Seahorse' and 'The Tiny Seed.' Eric Carle is an
amazing author that highlights how the text and illustration go together to create meaning for the reader. The colours and style of painting he uses in his books are vibrant and appeal to all. We will be discussing the stories and pictures during the lesson.

In class we will continue to read the wonderful stories of Roald Dahl. Children have already enjoyed ‘The Twits’, ‘The Magic Finger’, Esio Trot’, ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ and ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. We will continue reading ‘Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator’

Just a reminder!!!
Each child has two pouches with their name on them. One is the Home Reading bag the other is the Communication bag.
Both bags need to be returned to school each day.

The Communication bag has your child’s name written in purple on it. This bag will be sent home with school notices, permission forms, book club, P and F information etc.

I check these bags daily and give any envelopes to the office. Most permission forms I collect and they remain with me until the event takes place.

Home Reading

Could all Home Reading bags be handed in each TUESDAY for me to have a look and see how each child is going with Home reading?
Children are expected to read a little each night and the Reading Record book needs to be signed by a parent. Home Reading books should be changed in the morning before the bell by the child when they have finished with the book. Please take one book at a time from the book boxes where their name peg is situated. Encourage your child to bring the Home Reading plastic zip lock bag to school each day regardless of whether the book needs changing or not.

Please remember that 'Sunshine Online' has levelled books the children can read and listen to reading each night and games to play which work on high frequency words.

If you forget to change your reading book or would like your child to read another book please visit this website.

Username- stjamesgardenvale
Password- stjamesgardenvale

**Mathematics**

During this term we will be revising our number bonds to ten and to twenty, counting by ones forwards and backwards, skip counting by twos, fives and tens, working on the hundreds chart, identifying the numbers that are one more, one less, two more, two less and ten more, five more and five less and ten more and ten less, counting on and counting back strategies.

Addition and subtraction, multiplication (in terms of doubles) and division concepts in terms of equal sharing strategies will be investigated this term by the children.

Children will be encouraged to read and write two digit numbers and identify how many tens and how many ones are in that number.

'Busch ' money will continue this term with purchasing items from the 'Busch' shop. Adding the money in their account, working out if they have enough money to purchase an item and working out change will help develop their addition and subtraction concepts.
Please remember Mathletics— the username and password are in your child’s Reading Record book—first page.

abcya.com is another Mathematics website your child might enjoy. Give it a go!

**Connected Learning - Science**

This term we will cover both Chemical and Physical Sciences.

Our Chemical Science unit is 'What's It Made Of?' In this unit children will investigate why materials are selected for particular purposes. We will look at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' the different materials they used to build their houses and why. Children will work with a partner and build a house out of materials to withstand a blow from the big bad wolf who will "Huff and Puff and Blow their house down!" We will use a hair dryer for the 'Huff and Puff'. Children will have to explain to the class the materials they have chosen and why and if the house withstood the hair dryer.

The second unit is Physical Science, the children will explore the topic 'On the Move'. The focus for Foundation is the way objects move depends on a variety of factors such as size and shape. Children will develop an understanding of how things move by exploring the push and pull forces they can use to move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning. Through investigations, children will predict, observe and gather evidence about rolling objects and the idea of fair testing.

**BounceBack/Circletime**

This term the children will be looking at growth and fixed mindset. We will be working on positive self talk, recognising our feelings and the power of yet. Encouraging the children to develop a growth 'CAN DO' mindset.
Having a go, making mistakes and knowing that mistakes mean they are learning and not to be discouraged.

Going from a 'I can't do it!' to saying 'I mightn't be able to do it yet but I will get there!'

**Dates for Term Four**

Friday 9th October - Prep Mass at the Star of the Sea Chapel

- Year 6 buddies will be there.

- Please come along!

Friday 30th October - Prep Food day

Monday 2nd November - School Closure Day

Tuesday 3rd November - Public Holiday

- Melbourne Cup day!

Monday 16th November - Wednesday 25th November - Swimming lessons

(2 weeks) Details to follow.

Thursday 26th November - St. James Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 9th December and Thursday 10th December - 'Seussical the Musical' performances.

Friday 11th December - 'Up' day

Wednesday 16th December - Last day of the year

- Break up at 1:30pm
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Thank you to everyone who has helped out in our class this year. You have been amazing!!

We really appreciate and value the time and effort you make.

Bernie Dodd for all the effort with the Seussical. Thank you.

Thank you so much to our class reps this year.

Fran, Tanya, Paula and Kate who have worked so hard to make this year so wonderful. Your support, care and organising so many great functions during the year has made our class so special.

We hope you have enjoyed this year as much as we have.

We wish you the happiest Christmas and a wonderful holiday!

Please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns. After school any day except Mondays when we have our weekly staff meetings is always fine and you can email me at
cbusch@stjamesbrighton.catholic.edu.au

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