

St James Brighton Primary School



Foundation-Mrs Cathy Busch

Term 3 Information Page

Important Dates

July

Tuesday 25th

St. James Feast Day

Wednesday 26th

Yoga begins

Wednesday 26th

Gymnastics begins

Saturday 29th

Major St James Fundraising Night

August

Wednesday 2nd

Prep 100 days of school!

Friday 4th

Foundation to Year 2- Excursion to Scienceworks.

Friday 11th

Hunt Community Childcare Visit

August

Friday 18th

Pyjama Day

Thursday 24th

Book Parade 9 am

Friday 25th

Staff Development Day

School Closed

Thursday 31st

Pyjama Day with Year 6 buddies

September

Thursday 14th

2018 Prep Orientation Session 1

Friday 15th

Pyjama Day

Friday 22nd

Final day of term-finish at 1:30pm

Have a great holiday!

Welcome back to term three at St James and to Foundation. This year is just flying by!!!!

The children have been at St James for 88 days!

We welcome a new girl to our class this term, Federica Imbriano who is from Mosman in New South Wales. All the children are looking forward to meeting her and her family. Welcome to St James Federica and the Imbriano family!

We will celebrate '100 Days of School' in Week 3, as Wednesday 2nd August is the official day. Children can dress up on this day and we will have a Maths day based around the number 100. It is a great celebration and a milestone in your child's school learning journey.

This term we have planned three Pyjama Days! Children wear their pyjamas to school with runners not slippers. Please note that one of the Pyjama days is a **Thursday** (31st August) This day will be a combined Year 6 buddy Foundation Pyjama Day. The children love them. Please check the "Important Dates" section for the dates of the Pyjama Days.

Chris Kidman (Sport Teacher) has organised four gymnastics sessions for the Foundation children. The sessions are for one hour and children are asked to wear their sports uniforms on these days. The dates of the sessions are Wednesdays - July 26th, August 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Mr Buckley has organised Yoga sessions this term for the St James children. These sessions are on a Wednesday from Wednesday 26th July through to the end of term Wednesday 20th September.



On Friday 4th August Foundation to Year 2 children will be venturing to Scienceworks for an excursion. We will be travelling to and from Scienceworks by bus. Please let me know if you would like to be a parent helper on this day. The excursion is part of our Connected Learning unit 'To Infinity and Beyond'.

Time is certainly flying by, this term we have a visit from children at Hunt Community Childcare. These children will be attending St James next year in Foundation. The visit is on Friday 11th August. Also, the first orientation to St James session for the 2018 Foundation children is on Thursday 14th September.

August 21st - Friday 25th is Book Week. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere'. St James is holding the Book Parade on Thursday 24th August. On this day children dress up as a book character and as a class walk around the assembly area. Children are often interviewed by Year 6 children to explain who they are, the book they are from and the author.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out in class. We really appreciate and value the time and effort you make.

Thank you for a wonderful semester one and I know semester two will be even better!

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. After school any day except Mondays and before school any day except Tuesdays when we have our weekly staff meetings is always fine.



- Prep children will still be eating their snack and lunch in the classroom before going outside to play at snack and lunch times.
- Assembly is on a Wednesday afternoon usually starting at 2:45pm in the Hall. This term assemblies will alternate between one week having a class item to the next week having a guest speaker. All parents are welcome to attend.
- We have noticed a couple of Prep children wearing their school jumper with their sports uniform.
 - Could you please check that when wearing their sports uniform, children are wearing their school sports jumper/jersey if they are cold and not the school jumper?
 - Orders for the school sports jumper/jersey can be obtained from the office.
- Please let me know if your child is going home with someone new or attending OSHClub.
- Please continue to check your child's hair for head lice. If any are found please treat your child's hair immediately and let me know.
- This term children can be collected on the playground at 3:30pm.

Literacy

This term we welcome a new LSO-Learning Support Officer into Foundation. Mrs Sharon Portelli will be working with children in the classroom.



Children who have completed their **Alphabet book** given out at the beginning of the year can place them into their book box in the classroom. If you have a book at home that you know your child might enjoy reading during 'read to self' time you can place it in their reading box.

This term we will be reading books about weather, seasons, the sun and the moon to support the connected learning unit 'To Infinity and Beyond'

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children to explain who they are, the book they are from and the author. Please stay and watch as the children and costumes are wonderful.

Children will be looking at their Speaking and Listening times. During their sharing time children will be given one minute to give key information to the class. We will be focusing on Who,What,Where,When,Why and How.

This is a time when children share a favourite book, a holiday experience or something they may have created. After each sharing time children in the class ask questions to the presenter. Please don't bring in anything precious to share at school.

Speaking and Listening should not be a stressful experience. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Ciara Will Lucinda Isabela Jack Harvey Katie	Violet Zoe Talía Charlie Noah Aurelia Federica	Jackson Jenny Charlotte Angus Emily Olivia	Nikki Lexi Marko Nieve Patrick Sophie

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 plastic container which is located at the back of the classroom.

Mathematics



During this term the students will be given the opportunity to learn more about number bonds to 5, 10 and 20, counting by ones forwards and backwards, skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's, looking at the hundreds chart, odd and even numbers, the number of days the Foundation children have been at school; one more, one less, two more, two less, ten more and ten less, counting on and counting back strategies, addition, subtraction and multiplication. We will be learning how to read 2 digit numbers and identifying

how **many tens** and **how many ones** there are and bundling paddle pop sticks into groups of ten to show each two digit number.

We are also looking at patterns in our world including patterns in nature, in number, in sounds, in our homes, in our world, in our school and in our everyday lives.



During our Foundation '100 days of School' celebration we will be working with groups of ten to make one hundred and investigate how we can make one hundred in different ways.

Remember to working through the Mathletics activities!

Religious Education

The two units we will be covering this term are called, 'Belonging to God's People' and 'The World Around Us'.

The children have the opportunity to learn about religious imagery, the church building, its furnishings and gestures used in Liturgy. They learn the name, location and the role of the Parish priest, Father Martin Dixon in the parish. They explore the celebration of the Eucharist, through a focus on Liturgical actions and objects used. Children will share with the class their Baptism and how they belong to God's people. Please find photos of their Baptism and discuss



with them why you chose to have them baptised, their Godparents and why you chose them, the Church, their name and what they wore.

In the second unit, the children will be exploring and identifying the wonder and beauty of God's creation and ways in which we can help to nurture and care for it. The children will be introduced to prayers of praise and thanks, the Psalms on creation and how we can respond to these prayers being stewards of God's creation.

On Thursday mornings we will begin to join with the Year 1 children and Miss Whiffen in their classroom to share prayer. Please come along. It is a great opportunity for the Foundation children to become familiar with Year One.

Connected Learning

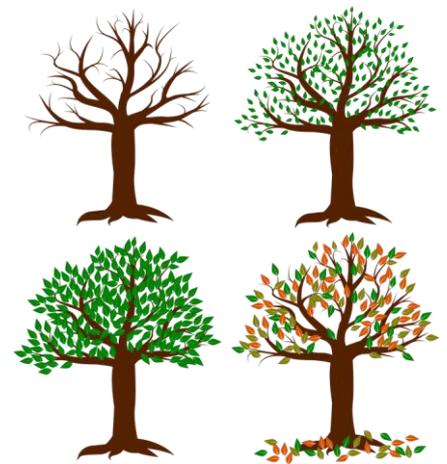
This term the children at St James are looking at 'To Infinity and Beyond'. In Foundation we will be looking at the seasons, weather, months of the year, the sun, moon and how weather affects our lives in what we wear and why.

We will be keeping a diary of the weather, times of the day when the sun and the moon rises, the temperature and clouds.

This should be an interesting unit of work supported by literature, completing some experiments in class and an excursion.

On Friday 4th August, children will be attending an excursion to Scienceworks and the Planetarium to view 'Tycho to the Moon'

Please discuss with your child the changing seasons and identify the key features of each season.



Homework/Home Reading

- Please continue to read with your child each night and revise the 'Busch' high frequency words.
- Continue to work through the 'Foundation Home Reading' folder to assist your child's reading and comprehension skills.

Specialist Timetable

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	Sports Uniform	Library 9-9:30 am Return Red Library Bags Sports Uniform for Gymnastics Yoga (Week 2-10) Assembly	Prayer in Year One classroom	Sports Uniform

Websites that you may find helpful and fun!

Sunshine Online username- sjgardenvale password- sjgardenvale

Mathletics- children have their passwords for this. If you have lost this information please come and see me.

The following websites are free and offer a variety of literacy/maths activities your child may enjoy.

If you come across any other sites that you find helpful, please let me know.

abcya.com

Funbrain

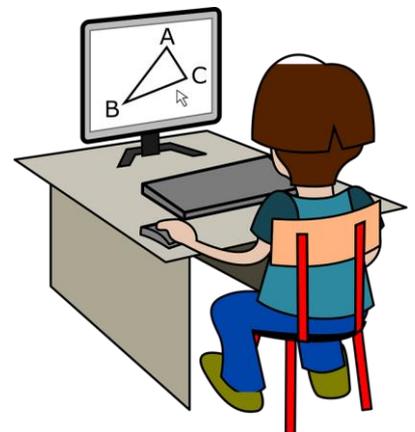
PBS kids

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The children have had an opportunity to use the website **BotLogic.us**. BotLogic.us is an educational puzzle game that challenges kids and adults to tackle complex logic problems while teaching valuable programming concepts. Using simple commands (and eventually code), players program their bots to navigate through progressively challenging mazes. Try it!

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Looking forward to a great term ahead.



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