

# St James Brighton Primary School



## Foundation-Mrs Cathy Busch



### Term 4 Information Page

**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. Please remember to put sunscreen on your child every day before school and to remember to wear the school hat for protection against the sun. Any child that does not have a hat will not to allow to play.**

During the term North Brighton Kindergarten children will be visiting the Prep children and St James. This is a special opportunity that highlights how far our 2017 Foundation children have developed and settled comfortably into the St James community.

In Week 7 and 8 of the term is the school swimming block.

Foundation children swim everyday at the Swim Right Aquatic Centre in Sandringham.

Children will travel to and from school to the pool each day. It is a very tiring time for the children but lots of fun, culminating in the school swimming carnival on Thursday 30th November.

During this time, Foundation children need a swimming bag containing a towel, underwear, swimmers, swimming cap and goggles. A plastic bag for wet items is also a good idea.

Please pack underpants! Many children wear their swimmers under their school uniforms and after their swimming lesson realise they have no underwear to change into.

Please let me know if any child needs help with ear plugs or anything else during the swimming block.



Parents are most welcome to watch their child's swimming lesson at the pool and helpers are needed during the Foundation swimming block to

### Important Dates

#### October

**18th**

Foundation's Final Assembly

**26th**

North Brighton Kindergarten Visits Foundation

#### November

**6th & 7th**

Mid Term Break

**15th**

2018 Foundation Orientation Session

**20th**

Swimming Program begins

**27th**

Swimming Program continues

**30th**

St James Swimming Carnival

#### December

**1st**

Student Free Day-no school

**3rd**

Foundation Class Mass 9am

**12th**

'Up' time- One hour in Year 1

**18th**

'The Lion King' School Musical 7pm

**19th**

School finishes at 1:30pm

'The Lion King' School Musical 5pm

**20th**

Assembly 1pm

School finishes 1:30pm

help children get changed for and after the lesson. Two parents per session is usually enough.

### It is a busy term!

- Remember school hats need to worn by the children this term.
- Foundation 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.

#### **Foundation Assembly Wednesday 18th October**

in the school hall at 2:50 pm.

- 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



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 creative thinking, developing a growth mindset and positive thinking, to support the connected learning unit 'Our Creative Selves'

'The Dot', 'Playing By Heart', 'Ish', 'The North Star' books by Peter Reynolds, 'What To Do With An Idea' by Kobi Yamada, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' by Drew Daywalt, 'The Beautiful Oops!' by Barney Saltzberg, 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashley

Spires and 'Have You Filled A Bucket Today?' by Karen McCloud and books by Pamela Allen will be explored by the children this term.

The Speaking and Listening Timetable remains the same. Please ensure your child has something to share with the class at this time as it is a wonderful way to develop both confidence and speaking skills.

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Ciara Will Lucinda Isabela Jack Harvey Katie	Violet Zoe Talia 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 revise 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, one more, one less, two more, two less, ten more and ten less, counting on and counting back strategies, addition, subtraction and sharing. 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 looking at the concepts in measurement this term; volume and capacity and mass.

So when you are out shopping, use the time to highlight to your child the different types of measure we use everyday. One litre of milk, 5kg bag of potatoes, 500 gram tub of margarine etc and use terms like lighter, heavier, more, less, grams and litre to help familiarise them with mathematical terms.



Remember to working through the Mathletics activities!

### Religious Education

This term in Foundation we have our first class Mass. The Foundation class Mass will be held with the St James parish in the 'pop up' Church (behind the tennis courts) at 9 am on **Sunday 3rd December**. Please let me know early, if you are unable to attend the Mass as I will be giving each child in Foundation a role in the Mass.

Each year St James creates **hampers** for the poor people at Christmas time. During the term, all families at St James donate gifts, food, treats, pasta, toiletries, nappies, etc. The parish provides us with details like a child, male, 3 year old and we create a hamper for them. When we are given this information I will let Donna know. A basket is placed in each classroom to collect the donations.

This term in class, children will be given the opportunity to thank God for all the wonderful gifts we have, our talents, our creativity, our families, our school and



those that love, care and challenge us. We will be given the opportunity to discover the meaning of Advent and Christmas.

## Connected Learning

This term the children at St James are looking at 'Our Creative Selves'.

In Foundation we will be exploring and discovering our creative side with literature, art, music, dance and The Lion King school musical.

Children will be encouraged to take risks, try out unfamiliar techniques and movement and challenge themselves. In being creative this term, we hope that the children develop a growth mindset where resilience, persistence and courage to try something new or different is just accepted as part of the learning process.

Children have been working with Kate Kennedy and singing their song for the musical 'Hakuna Matata'. During the term the children will receive their specially made costumes that will be labelled with your child's name and kept in the classroom.

Rehearsals with the school and in costumes won't begin for the Foundation children until Week 10 (Tuesday 12th December)

Please let me know if you feel your



child needs support during this time or you have concerns regarding your child performing on the Monday and Tuesday nights in front of crowds/audience.

### 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.

### Sports Uniform/Library 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  Assembly		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.

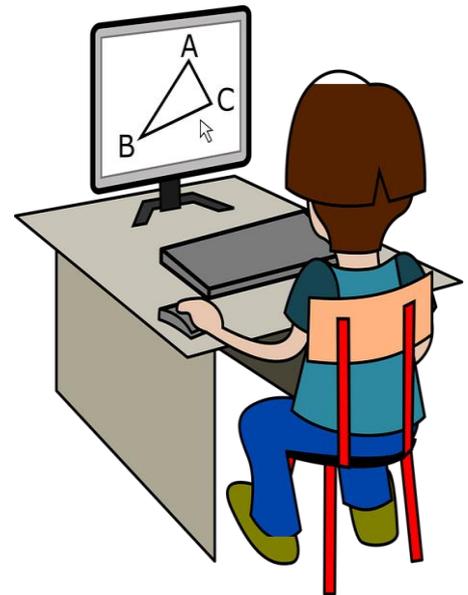
If you come across any other sites that you find helpful, please let me know.

**abcya.com**

**PBS kids**

**Funbrain**

**starfall**



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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Thank you to everyone who has helped out in our class this year. You have been amazing!!

I really appreciate and value the time and effort you made to listen to children read, share ideas and help out wherever you could.

To Donna, Larissa and Sharyn 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.

I hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have.

I wish you the happiest Christmas and a wonderful holiday!



Please come and see me 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](mailto:cbusch@stjamesbrighton.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you again for a great year.

Cathy Busch