Welcome to Year 1!

We look forward to a happy and successful year with your children.

Holy Family Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 7th February at 6pm. Please meet in the hall.

**Important days:**
- PE with Mr Devilliers: Tuesday (please wear sports uniform)
- Class sport: Thursday (please wear sports uniform)
- Library with Ms Sharpe: Wednesday (please bring library bag)

**Religion:**
- **Saint Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition** - based on building knowledge of our school’s history integrated with the mission unit: Loving God and others like Jesus
- **Lent to Easter** - the focus is on prayer & what we can do to prepare ourselves for Easter during Lent, as well as, the events of Holy Week.

**English:**
- Literacy block includes rotated groups and whole class lessons, encompassing reading, writing, computer, spelling and handwriting activities.
- **Writing** - Our text focuses for the term are recounts, poetry and descriptive texts.
- **Talking & Listening** - Daily news sessions of two minutes each, encourage key listening skills while strengthening the children’s presentation skills.
- **Reading** - We will focus on decoding skills, comprehension strategies, expression and fluency.

**Mathematics:**
- This term the children will be exploring Whole Numbers, Addition and Subtraction, multiplication and division, time, length, data, chance and 2D Space. The children are encouraged to work with a variety of hands-on materials and talk about and record the process they used to gain their answer.

**Science & Technology:**
- **Up, Down and all Around** - (Earth and Space Science). The children live in a constantly changing world and therefore they will be investigating and observing our environment.
- **Look, Listen** - The students will participate in a number of hands-on activities to understand concepts of sound and light.
The Leader in Me and Physical Education:
Our PDH unit this term is “Who am I?”
We are also working on Cooperative Learning skills using the 7 Habits
and Positive Behaviours to Learning.
P.E. is taught by Mr De Villiers on Tuesday.

Creative Arts: Visual Arts lessons take place weekly using a variety of
media and art forms. Children will require a paint shirt to protect their
school uniform. Music and drama lesson are taken with Mrs McNally on
Tuesdays.

Homework
Homework will be sent home on Tuesdays to be returned on Mondays.
The children will be given an individual spelling list to learn each week.
There will also be maths tasks/games based on the EMU program and
getting each child 200 hits per topic. Home Readers will go home with
homework and we expect children to spend about 10 minutes each
night reading to an adult/carer. It is also expected that children will
spend some time reading for leisure.

General Business
- All items should be clearly labelled
- In the event of an absence a note needs to be provided to the
classroom teacher
- Children need your support to develop organisational skills.
Encourage them to check a ‘What do I need for today / need
for tomorrow?’ list at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to make an
appointment to meet with us or send an email via the school office. As
you realise, mornings are very busy so we would appreciate your
assistance in making an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning in 2017!

Maree Board and Olivia Robertson