

Welcome to Year 1

Teachers

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Literacy and Numeracy Support Teacher

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1. Prayer & Welcome

2. The School Day

Our classroom door will generally open around 8:30am. Children are expected to unpack their own bags and set up their work station for the day. Siren will ring at 8:45am.

The timetable for Term 1 is below. Children are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday and Thursday and ensure they have their library bags and books on Tuesday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Literacy/Library Mr Brennan	Literacy Mr Brennan	PE/Health Mrs Higgs	Assembly (See School Calendar)
	Indonesian Mr Selvam	PE/Health Mrs Higgs		

If you need to remove your child from the class during the day, you will need to sign him/her out at the office. This will need to be done before you come to collect your child. The same procedure applies if you arrive late in the mornings.

3. Curriculum

Religious Education is our main learning area with the Australian Curriculum fully implemented across English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (Geography – Semester 1 & History – Semester 2), Health & Physical Education and The Arts. The outcomes, learning activities and common assessments will be reflected in

both Year 1 and Year 1/2 to ensure that all Year 1s are taught and levelled according to Year 1 national curriculum outcomes.

For News, we have a roster covering four days a week. Please encourage small items to show or a simple retell. News is a great way to develop oral language skills with a big focus on speaking and listening.

Excursions are a big part of our learning journey, whether it's local or in Perth. Our aim is to have 1 excursion each term which will reflect what is being taught in class.

4. MAJEC

The MAJEC Program is our Christian Service Program. The children will be given a MAJEC card that they need to complete. There is also a class MAJEC program that we will be doing in class.

5. Assessment

Test books will be sent home two times each term. Once you have looked through the tests and work samples please sign the cover page and send it back to school.

Term 1 – Test Books (Week 8)

Term 2 – Test Books & Semester 1 Reports

Term 3 – Three-way Conferences & Tests Books

Term 4 – Test Books & Semester 2 Reports

If you have any questions or problems throughout the year, please bring it to my attention immediately and don't leave it until the interviews. I am around in the mornings and afternoons for a brief chat, however, if you would like to have an in-depth discussion please arrange a time after school where I can give you my full attention. My email is smith.chantel@cathednet.wa.edu.au should you wish to contact me to make a time to meet to discuss any issues.

6. Homework

The children have a Homework Folder which they are expected to take home each night and return the following day. Any notes to go home will be placed in this folder. The Communication/Homework Book is to be used to communicate with me and vice versa and should be checked every night for any additional information or timetable changes. Please date and initial any notes specific to your child so I know they have been received. If your child is absent please send in a written note or email the front office.

Reading Homework

- Reading books have been sent home.
- Children are expected to read their home reading book each night. Their reading log should be signed by an adult.
- The children will read to myself, or a parent helper every day and I will be testing them once a month depending on their development.

Spelling Words/Sight Words

- Each week a list of spelling words will be sent home for the children to learn to read and spell. These words will be our focus in class and each child will be tested on the list at the end of the week.
- Sight words will also be sent home for practice and they too will be tested regularly.

7. Parent Handbook

All current policies are printed in the handbook please refer to them as necessary.

8. Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct St Joseph's uniform including footwear. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

The school has a very strict NO HAT, NO PLAY policy therefore hats will remain in your child's bag whilst at school.

9. Assemblies

Assemblies are on Fridays at 8:45am in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre. The aim is fortnightly assemblies and parents are always welcome. If your child is receiving a merit certificate I will contact you to let you know either by phone or a note. Please check the school calendar for more information.

10. Birthdays

I am happy for treats to be sent in for children's birthdays. If you are unsure as to 'what's best' please check with myself prior. We currently have 30 children in the class.

11. Behaviour Management

Positive verbal feedback and encouragement will be strongly used in the classroom. Rewards such as stickers, stamps, free time or fun class activities will also be used. Severe behaviour issues will be dealt with by Mrs Rebecca Clarke, Head of Primary.

12. Parent Help

We have started a morning reading before school starts and as the term progresses, I will be happy to have helpers in the classroom. Listening to reading will be our focus this term. Please let me know if you can help and we can discuss in further detail how we will do this in class. Before coming to the classroom when volunteering, you will need to sign in at the office. You will also need to bring your Parent Participation Levy Form for me to sign.

13. Questions

