3rd March 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians,

In order to provide more effective communication regarding ongoing class events, all classes will be using a diary or communication sheet for 2016. Below are the formats of how Stages are communicating:

- Early Stage 1 – Communication Booklet
- Stage 1 – Communication Booklet
- Stage 2 – Communication Sheet
- Stage 3 – iPad App Diary

The Booklets and Sheets are sent home in the student’s homework folder every fortnight or daily in the students’ reading folder. Please be mindful that if you need to contact the class teacher/s throughout the week, an email is another form of communication. All teachers check their emails at 8:30am. Please allow time for teachers to respond to any email.

Below are the changes to the K to 6 Homework program.

Homework began in Week 3 of Term 1 and will run through to Week 8 of Term 4. Each week, the students are asked to complete their Maths Mentals book and daily reading. Guidelines for the Maths Mentals have been glued into the front of each book.

The students will not be receiving a weekly list of spelling words for testing or activities. Instead, all classes will participate in a focus area throughout the term. This will be determined by the need and current school events, such as NAPLAN and the Western Region Public Speaking timeline. These homework tasks will be acknowledged and celebrated within the school community. Below is an outline of the programs:

- Term 1 – Contextual spelling and reviewing NAPLAN style questions (Stages 2 and 3)
- Term 2 – Public Speaking or Talking Topics and NAPLAN style questions (Stage 1 to Stage 3)
- Term 3 – Integrated Matrix (Early Stage 1 to Stage 3)
- Term 4 – Spelling Bee and Times Tables Challenge (Early Stage 1 to Stage 3)

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 are focusing in Term 1 on establishing routines and encouraging greater independence. Stage 3 will also be challenged with mini projects each term to further promote positive study habits and assist with preparation for Secondary education.

The students’ learning and MJR (Making Jesus Real) goals will be sent home this Friday along with more information about the process and timeframes.

Please continue to check the school calendar for regular updates, as extenuating circumstances unfortunately necessitate changes. We will endeavour to provide a list of these changes in the newsletter each week. If you have any questions regarding the primary curriculum, or would like to provide any feedback, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards,

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