



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Middle Team Newsletter Term 1 2021

A huge Star of the Sea welcome to our new families that are joining our team this year. We hope your time with us will be rewarding and you enjoy being part of the 'Star family'. A warm welcome back to our existing families. We hope you all had a relaxing break and took some time to enjoy the sun and special times with family and friends.

Middle Team Staff for 2020

Room 13 – Mrs Denise Bailey, Mrs Maria Allan (Learning Assistant), Mrs Cindy Stewart (Thurs)

Room 14 – Mrs Tracey Elder

Room 15 – Mrs Zahira Salejee,

Room 16 – Mrs Robyn Fromont

Room 17 – Mrs Michelle Barnett, Mrs Petra Fsadni (Learning Assistant)

Homework

This will not begin until Week 4. Each week your child will have reading, spelling, and basic facts to learn. For those days when a class reader is not sent home, there is an expectation that your child engages in some form of reading for twenty minutes each night.

Before and after school are busy times for classroom teachers – preparing for the day and often attending meetings. Please make an appointment to speak to your classroom teacher should you have any queries or concerns and then Denise Bailey as Team Leader.

Reminders

- Hats to be worn to and from school every day.
- Readers and RE book to be returned daily – even if work isn't finished or books weren't read that evening.
- No new reading books will be given out unless the old books are returned.
- Homework to be back at school on Fridays.
- PE gear to be at school every day.
- Team Assemblies will be held on Thursday 4th March and Friday 19th March at 8:45am. Everyone welcome.
- If you have moved house or changed any of your contact details, please advise the school office.

Beyond the Classroom

This term sees the students involved in the following learning outside of the classroom.

- **Tip Top Games** – A fun day filled with lots of team building activities (held at school) – Thursday 18th Feb.
- **Life Education Trust Van on site** – Students will attend lessons in the van which relate to our terms focus of building effective relationships.
- **Middle Team Swim Carnival** – Wednesday 24th Feb at Shelly Park School (Saving Day Friday 26th Feb). Families welcome to come and watch.

Concept learning

This year our overarching concept is 'Joy' and we want the students to "Grow themselves to build relationships that bring joy and inspire others as Jesus does". Our term one concept will be Whanaungatanga with the understanding that 'Jesus inspires us to bring joy by growing ourselves and building whanaungatanga'. Each class will have their own focus for this learning and the learning will be connected across the curriculum.

BYOD

Students in Year 4 are allowed to bring their own device to school each day to help support their learning. Before the device can be used, both the parent and student are required to sign and return the annual agreement relating to the use of the device and digital citizenship. This will be sent home with your child. If your child is going to be using the school devices, they are still required to sign the contract.

- **No contract = No device**