Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a very exciting year. We are very excited to be working with your children; not only developing and enhancing life skills but providing them with motivating new learning experiences. Throughout 2013, we aim to help each student to maximise their full potential in a positive and engaging learning environment.

Please find the Term Overview (on the next page) explaining what topics will be taught this term.

We look forward to an engaging year of learning.

Kind Regards,

Miss Turner, Mrs Piper and Mrs Taylor

Year 1 Teachers
**REMINDERS:**

- **Punctuality** – The bell rings at 8:50am and lessons begin at **9:00am** each morning. If your child is late this not only constitutes absenteeism in our electronic rolls, but they are missing out on key information and learning.

- **Homework** – We will be sending home a weekly spelling list for children as well as other activities. Homework and readers need to be returned by Friday in order to be marked.

- **School Requisites** - Please ensure your child has their stationary items (books, pencils, glue, etc) clearly marked and replaced as required throughout the term by parents. Please ensure all uniform is too, especially hats, as they seem to disappear frequently. Our school policy of ‘No Hat, No Play’ is enforced at all times.

- **Meetings** – If you would like to meet with us about your child at any time during the year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make an appointment to do so. Please see the office to make an appointment.

- **Sport** – All children may wear sports uniform on Thursday and Friday. Parents will be notified in the newsletter if their child is to wear the uniform on a different day.

- **Uniform** – We all encourage all students to wear their uniform with pride.

- **Excursions** – St Patricks encourages all students to attend excursion. They are an important part of your child’s educational, social and emotional development and support the units studied in class.

- **Important Dates** - Please see the online calendar and newsletter for upcoming events.

- **Allergies** – Report all allergies to office.

- **Behaviour Management** – We practice the principles of Restorative Justice. We also use Class Dojo to encourage positive class behaviour. We expect each student to respect each other and each other's right to learn. If students’ behaviour is unacceptable, parents will be notified.
TERM ONE OVERVIEW

Religion:

Jesus is our friend Lent Holy Week

These units deal with stories about Jesus and his relationships with those around him. Lent as a time of preparation and the gift of Jesus himself at Easter

English:

The strands taught in English are Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing. These are integrated into all Key Learning Areas.

- **Talking & Listening**

  Students will have daily opportunities to share with others and respond.

- **Reading**

  The students will be bringing Home Readers home on Monday. They will be expected to fill out a Reading Log. Please assist your child with their reading, around 10 minutes aloud each night.

  The children will be involved in Reading Groups and will be grouped according to ability.

- **Writing**

  Writing occurs daily across different text types, we encourage writing at home.

- **Spelling**

  Weekly lists are catered for in class and for homework. Children are encouraged to work on learning words at home. In writing children are encouraged to listen to words and record sounds in the order they hear.

Mathematics

Students will engage the strands of Number, Measurement, Space and Geometry, Data and Patterns and Algebra. Oral counting by 1’s 2’s 5’s and 10’s forward and backwards.

Science/HSIE

One topic from each Key Learning Area is covered each term.

In Term One our HSIE unit is **Identifying Us** and in Science unit it is **A Place in Time**
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Students will be given the opportunity to integrate technology into their everyday learning, across most Key Learning Areas specifically using iPads and Smart board. The whole class will be having computer lessons in the Library each week.

PE/HEALTH/PD

Students will have sport on Thursday. Please ensure that your child is wearing their sports uniform. The sport focus this term is “Getting started” and the Personal Development is “There is only one me”. There will be opportunities for clinics with visiting personnel.

Creative Arts
Students will be involved in the unit of work called “Fish Flowers and other Living things”. In Drama, the unit involves expressing dramatic movement through voice, imagination and action. In Music we will be engaging in singing and percussion.

Italian

Signora Toranto will be taking the children for 45 minutes each week for Italian classes.

Library

Mrs Campbell will teach children each week for 45 minutes. Borrowing is strongly encouraged as is a time spent reading together at home. Please ensure your child has their library bag to borrow books on this day.

Excursion Information

No planned excursion in Term One.