Hi Parents,

Welcome to your child’s first year in primary. We are excited to support and extend the children’s learning and nurture their curiosity of the world around them.

We are a ‘keen bunch’ of learners and educators in Year 3 and look forward to watching them grow and acquire new skills.

We are also privileged to guide them as they embark on a new journey, preparing for their First Communion.

Following, is an outline of topics that will be taught this term.

We look forward to a positive 2013 with you and your child.

Regards, Year 3 teachers,

Debi Watkins, Leanne O’Connor, Dorian Patsalides and Ornella Murray.
**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 stationery 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 online calendar and newsletter for upcoming events.

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

On the occasion where choices made are not the best, children will have clear boundaries.

We use the class DOJO point system for positive behaviour reinforcement and negative behaviours.

When the child gets down to 0 points, their name goes on the whiteboard and they have a time out for a pre-determined amount of time.

If the behaviour continues or escalates, the child will receive a cross beside their name on the whiteboard:

- X - Executive notified
- XX - Executive notified and parents contacted

On the playground there is a separate behaviour system based on positive or negative behaviour.

**TERM ONE OVERVIEW**

**Religion:**

*Jesus Shares His Gifts*

Recounts the stories of life death and resurrection of Jesus.

*Lent: A time for reaching out in love*

Recounts aspects of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, Penance and anointing of the sick.

*Easter*

Recounts the stories of Jesus (sent and guided by the Holy Spirit).
**English:**

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

- **Talking & Listening**
  
  We aim to teach the children to interact effectively in groups, individually and in pairs; communicating formally and informally.

  The children will be given opportunities to extend their language by giving oral presentations to the class.

- **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 each night.

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

- **Writing**
  
  This term, Stage 2 will be focusing on Narratives and Persuasive Writing.

  The focus will be on writing these text types using the correct structure and language features.

- **Spelling**
  
  The children will be given weekly spelling lists up to 25 words. There will words that are topic based and words that focus on the Spelling rules.

**Mathematics**

Year 3 is split into three ability based maths groups. This allows us to cater more specifically to individual needs. Maths lessons will run for one hour each day. Students will engage in a number of activities covering the strands of Number, Measurement, Space and Geometry, Data and Patterns and Algebra.

**Science**

**Feathers, Fur and Leaves:** This topic teaches the children about how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things.

**HSIE**

**Australia – You’re standing in it:** This unit provides opportunities for students to explore natural, heritage and built features in Australia. The unit focuses on investigating and evaluating the significance of particular sites and places and what people value about them.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Students will be given the opportunity to integrated technology into their everyday learning, across most Key Learning Areas. The whole class will be having computer lessons in the Library each week.
601 – 12:00 Tuesday
602 – 12:00 Monday
702 – 2:40 Friday

PE/HEALTH/PD

Students will have sport on Friday. Please ensure that your child is wearing their sports uniform. The sport focus this term is Games and Sports. These activities are designed to increase strength, aerobic capacity, coordination and sportsmanship.

Creative Arts

Students will be involved in art and craft activities that complement the integrated unit. These activities are aimed to develop fine motor skills and include such things as pasting, colouring and painting. Emphasis is placed on following directions, creativity and the use of a variety of media. Students will also be involved in formal Drama, Music and Dance activities.

Italian

Signora Toranto will be taking the children for 45 minutes each week for Italian classes.
601- 12:45 Thursday
602 – 12:00 Thursday
702 – 12:00 Wednesday

Library

Mrs Campbell will take all Year 3 students for Library lessons focusing on Cyber Safety and Literacy. Please ensure your child has their library bag to borrow books on this day.
601 – 12:00 Thursday
602 – 12:45 Thursday
702 – 2:00 Tuesday