

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing holiday break and look forward to a wonderful final term.

We will begin our term with a refresh of our expectations for both the school and classroom, with a strong emphasis on positive behaviour. We will continue to follow the Australian Curriculum and will cover English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), Health and Physical Education, Technologies (Design and Technologies, Digital Technologies), Chinese and The Arts (covering Music this term). Religious Education will follow the Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn curriculum scope and sequence. Please see our term overview for a detailed look at what we are getting up to this term.

We look forward to another busy term with the many events planned, including our crazy sock day fundraiser for Mission Month in Week 2, the Raiders League Tag Gala Day in Week 4 and our end of year activities. Be sure to look at the term overview and keep an eye on COMPASS/Newsletter for the dates of future events.

Reminders for Term 4:

- As mentioned in the newsletter, we will return to school in full summer uniform. Please see our school uniform page on the school website for further information.
- Please take note of your child's sports day (see below) and ensure they are wearing appropriate uniform and footwear on these days.
- As the weather begins to warm up, please ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle each day. Students without a hat will be directed to play in the shade.
- Home reading will continue this term, please return reading folders on Monday so that new books can be sent home on Tuesdays. Please continue to utilise the MultiLit e-library, which remind a valuable tool in supporting your child's literacy at home. Please contact your child's teacher if you require a new login.

We appreciate your help in maintaining these routines, as they support a smooth and successful school experience for all students.

We value communication and encourage you to contact us directly if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with you this term.

Kind regards,

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Sport Days

Class Sport: Tuesday & Friday

Don't forget to wear sports uniform on these days

Don't forget to wear a hat **EVERYDAY.**

Library/Digital Technologies

Mr Collins

Thursday

Bring Library Bags and Library Book each Thursday.

The Arts

Mrs Wicks

Thursday

Homework

Reading

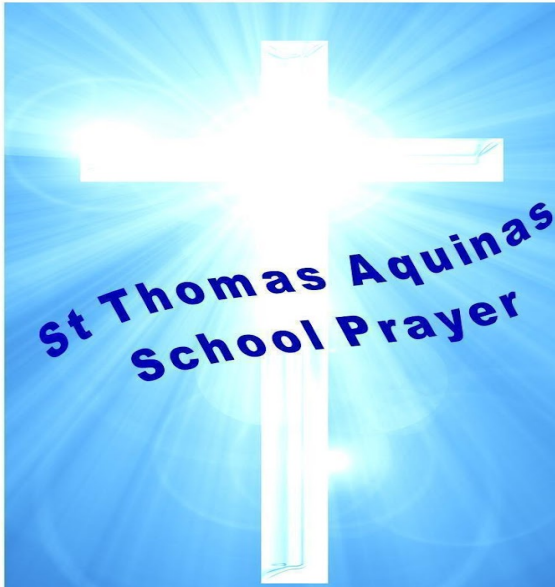
Students should be reading aloud to a parent/carer at least four times a week. Please continue to use the MultiLit eLibrary as well as hard copy readers to support your child's reading at home. These must be returned each Monday and will be sent home on Tuesday each week. A Home Reading Log will be provided to families to use to record reading as well as an InitialLit 1 reading schedule that aligns with our class lessons. When listening to your child read, provide support to help them apply their knowledge about sounds and letters to the text. Talk about what they are reading, checking for comprehension.

Spelling

Term 4 spelling lists will be sent home in Week 1. These lists will include both Tricky Words (words that must be learnt by sight) and regular words (words that can be sounded-out), which align directly with the lessons taught in the classroom program. We strongly encourage that your child practises reading and spelling these words throughout the term.

Other

There may also occasionally be other incidental tasks for homework.



**God our Creator and loving Father,
Thank you for the gift of ourselves, the gift
of each other, our family and our friends.
Bless us with a reverence for all created
things.**

**Jesus our brother,
Help us to be kind and generous, caring and
joyful. Guide us to walk in your footsteps,
to think of others with a heart full of love,
to see others as you see them and to work
together to create a community where
everyone feels loved, welcomed and at
home.**

**Holy Spirit of God,
Support us to love others and to love the
world, so that our school will be a place of
friends, family, laughter, learning and fun.**

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