



## Junior Syndicate Newsletter Term 4 2018

In his hands is the life of every creature **Job 12:30**

# All Creatures Great and Small

Our Lady of Lourdes School  
15.10.2018

Dear Parents /Whanau

Welcome back to the last term of the year.  
Some information on what is happening this term.

We will be taking the students through the Firewise Fire Safety programme.  
Firefighters will be visiting Year 1 and 2 students next Friday 26th October to help raise student awareness around fire safety practice at home and school.

### INQUIRY

This term the focus is Science based Living World 'All Creatures Great and Small'.  
Students will be inquiring around topics chosen by them so please talk to your student about their focus and how they are doing their research.

### NUMERACY

We begin the term with a numeracy focus on Place Value and Basic Facts then move into Number Knowledge and finishing off the term with Statistics. These units will be used as the learning contexts for students to apply their learning as well as building up new knowledge.  
Please continue to work at home on Basic Facts.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As October is the month of The Rosary this will form our prayer in the first 2 weeks of Term 4.  
If students have rosary beads at home they may bring them along to school.  
We follow this with a focus on the Communion of Saints strand beginning with All Saints Day Mass on Thursday 1st November at 10am where you are very welcome to join us.  
We finish off the year with a focus on the Liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We will be doing an Athletics module this term so please ensure that students have their P.E. uniform ready to begin this next week. P.E. uniform can stay at school and get taken home at the weekend to be washed.

If you have not already purchased the P.E uniform please see Mrs. Rooney our office manager as we have them for sale at school.

It is important that students have their P.E. uniform as it can be restrictive trying to do Athletics in a full school uniform.

## LITERACY

Students will continue to focus on the skills for reading and writing integrated with our Inquiry around 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

### **Some general reminders:**

**School begins at 8.55 and it is helpful for students to have at least 10 minutes before the bell rings to give themselves time to organise their belongings and settle in to their room.**

**Our school Sunsmart policy states that sunhats must be worn at all times when students are outside both in Term 1 and Term 4 so please ensure these are back at school as soon as possible. Any student who does not have a sunhat after Labour Weekend will be asked to sit in the courtyard under the shade. No hat-no play!**

**Students are expected to be in summer uniform. ( Labour Weekend at the latest.)**

**School Photos will taken on November 9th. More information on this to follow.**

Thankyou for ensuring students have healthy options in their lunch boxes. Students are making good choices with their brain food in the mornings and we are noticing the effect this has on their learning. Students are focussed and attentive to their tasks.

This term teachers will soon begin formally assessing in readiness for reports.

If you have any questions or wish to catch up with classroom teachers please email or see teachers before school.

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Please check your child's pouch **daily** for any important notices, homework and books which may come home.

The school newsletter comes home **every Tuesday** and it is also on the school website or on the school app. **This is our way of communicating any important notices which concern school events and happenings.**

### **Dates to remember**

**This Friday 9th October-Pet blessing and Parade-9am (pets will go home after this with family member)**

**Thursday Nov 1 All Saints Mass 10 am**

**Friday 9th Nov - Photos**

Thankyou

Junior Team Teachers