Dear Parents,

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first days at school and has shared many of their wonderful experiences with you. The aim of the Kindergarten newsletter is to inform you about what your child is doing in class and provide you with reminders for the following week. We trust that it will make your child’s transition into Kindergarten easier.

What’s happening in Kindergarten next week?

- **Religion** – We will begin our unit ‘God Loves Me’ by exploring how each of us is unique.
- **English** – The nursery rhyme focus for the week is ‘Hickory Dickory Dock’. Children are introduced to letters, words, text direction, spacing between words, full stops and capital letters. Children will be singing ‘Ants in the Apple’ to assist in developing their phonemic awareness.
- **Maths** – The focus for the week is whole number (counting, reading and writing numbers to 10).
- **Theme** – We will be beginning our unit ‘School Days’, focusing on class rules, sharing and packing up of class equipment.

Special Messages.....

- Next week school hours for Kindergarten are 8:30a.m to 2:15p.m.
- Children will line up outside the classroom in the morning from next Monday, 2nd February.
- You are warmly invited to join us for the Bethany Opening School Liturgy which will be held on Friday, 13th February in the Padre Pio Church.
- There will be a Welcome Barbeque for Kinder families, and all new families to our school, on Friday, 13th February. We hope you can join us!
- Newsletters and many notes are emailed directly to parents. From week 2, notes will be sent electronically. Please download the ‘Skoolbag App on your smartphone or iPad to access important reminders and ensure that the office has your correct email address. We don’t want you will miss out on vital information. Please also ensure you check your child’s bag daily for any other notes which may be sent home. We ask children to keep notes in the front pocket of their bag.
- There will be a Kindergarten information night on Wednesday, 11th February at 6:30p.m. This meeting will provide parents with information about routines and expectations of Kindergarten. It will be an opportunity to discuss ways in which parents can assist their children in various aspects of the curriculum, including reading and writing.
- Kindergarten children are welcome to use the school canteen at lunch time from week 2 (Wednesday, 4th February). However, please only send enough money for children to buy one food item so that they have plenty of time to eat their lunch and play with friends. Please do not send any more than $2. The school canteen will be open for lunch orders on Wednesdays and Fridays from next week. If you would like to help in the canteen, please complete the form sent home earlier this week. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!
- Please ensure that lunch boxes, hats etc. are clearly labelled with your child’s name.
- Sports uniform is worn on Monday and Thursday starting from next Monday, 2nd February.
- Please show your child their lunch box in the morning and remind them what to eat at recess and lunch.
- As the children continue to become familiar with school routines, we ask that you encourage your child to put their own school bag away and hand notes to their class teacher as they go into class.

Kind regards,

Sue Neilly, Karina Sarkisian and Karen Shillito
January, 2015

MODE OF AFTER-SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR CHILDREN IN 2015

To ensure that your child travels home safely and confidently we ask that you indicate the way in which they are to travel home each afternoon.

Eg.

- Car with parent
- Car with authorised adult (please specify who this adult is to be)
- Bus - please specify destination (bus number if known), and if possible, identify an older child at the school who may supervise your child on the bus
- Community after-school care bus
- Bethany COSHC
- Walking - please name the adult or older child of whom your child will walk with

Child's Name/ Names:  ________________________________

Class/Classes:  ________________________________

Monday:  ________________________________

Tuesday:  ________________________________

Wednesday:  ________________________________

Thursday:  ________________________________

Friday:  ________________________________

Parent/Guardian's Signature:  ________________________________