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 8:30am to 2:25pm
  Children will line up outside the classroom from next Monday, 3rd February.
- There will be a Welcome Barbeque for Kinder families, and all new families to our school, on Friday, 7th February. We hope you can join us!
- You are warmly invited to join us for the Bethany Opening School Liturgy which will be held on Friday, 14th February.
- Newsletters and many notes are emailed directly to parents. Please ensure that the office has your correct email address, otherwise you will miss out on vital information. Please 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 Tuesday, 18th February. 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 3 (Monday, 10th 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 Friday starting from next Monday, 3rd 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,
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