

Playtime is precious.
Play builds brain
pathways for thinking,
creativity, flexibility,
empathy and many
other lifelong skills.

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(It's OK Not to Share and Other Renegade Rules for Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids)



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I can't believe we are already halfway through Term 1! Most of the children are well settled and are enjoying their busy and active day at school. All the classes have a jam packed day filled with all sorts of activities to benefit your child and to help them grow emotionally, physically and socially. I'm sure a lot of you hear this answer when asked "What did you do at school today?" There might be utter silence or "nothing!"

We do a lot of work and they might not want to talk about it. It may come out later during precious bath time or having a meal together when discussing everyone's day. It is important to set aside some time when a family comes together – maybe at a meal time or just before going to bed. Let this be a spontaneous time and ask the child what theme we are discussing. This week it is the home for the Tigers, Teddies and Squirrels. Grade R is going according to the department's themes and it is healthy eating and living.

Grade R will be receiving a written report this term and the Squirrels will be having a verbal report back with each parent. A schedule will be made and you will be able to make a time on certain given days towards the end of the term. The Tiger and Teddy parents are welcome to make a time to view their child's work and to discuss progress that has been made. Please make an appointment to see Mrs D. or Mrs Mac any day between 12h30 and 2 if you have any concerns.

EDUCATIONAL SHOW

We are having our first educational show on Monday March 1st. These shows are included in your school fees and are very educational. Annelie Kuschke is a regular at our school from A+ Edutainment. Her shows are excellent and are extremely educational. They include a slide show, a story and are FUN! They are expensive but well worth the money so please make every effort to have an early Sunday sleep so they can enjoy this show. The children are usually very tired on a Monday after the busy and hectic weekend and some even fall asleep while eating their snack at 10h30! (Like we had today.)

EASTER RAFFLE and PTA Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who have filled up and handed in their lists and to those parents who have even asked for 2 or 5 more! Your support and enthusiasm goes a long way to maintain and top up the much needed PTA funds. We won't be having a wheel derby this term but we will definitely be having an event in Term 2.

We will be having our 2nd PTA meeting on **Thursday the 4th March at 18h30**. All interested parents past and new are welcome to join. Thank you to Cynthia and Tony Pombo for the donation of Easter eggs for our annual Easter hunt on the last day of the term and for some chocolates to be included in the raffle prize. We still need a few more boxes of Easter eggs so if there are any donations they will be most welcome.

Thank you too to Shannon and Sharl Burger for some lovely stationery items donated for the raffle prizes!

GATE:

Thank you for your patience and co-operation with the gate. The Church is busy investigating the case and there has been progress on the claim and the perpetrator.

This however does take time. It will be sorted out in due course.

WEATHER:

We are experiencing very inclement weather at the moment. There have been many sick children this week.

Thank you for keeping these children at home. Please let them return when they have recovered completely. They do not get better if they return too soon. They also infect the other children.

Please also send the class teacher a message if your child is not coming to school.

END OF TERM 1

School will be closing at 12h30 on Friday 26th March.

Term 2 will be starting on Wednesday the 7th April

To end off I would like to include some quotes on the value and importance of letting your child be themselves and to encourage them to be independent.

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”

“Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity.”

“Since the jobs that our preschoolers will do probably don’t exist yet, our priority is to teach them the skills to adapt and inquire and question and cooperate...life skills. So much more useful than rigid concepts such as the alphabet.”

“A person’s a person, no matter how small.” – **Dr. Seuss**

“The best way to make children good is to make them happy.” – **Oscar Wilde**

Something to keep in mind:

“Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn’t have said.”

– **Unknown**

Most important:

Enjoy your child and let them be – with routines and discipline!

Regards Sue and the St. Caths team.