Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the 2015 school year. Already we find ourselves in Week 3 and we are well underway with our learning and the establishing of Year 3 work routines. This year we welcome Mr. Andrew Millman to Team 3. We are already enjoying sharing his experiences, expertise and listening to his accent! We hope your time with us Andrew will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Welcome from Mr Millman
As a new teacher at St Edward’s for 2015, I am very excited to be working in Year 3 and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my class and the rest of the year group. I moved to Tamworth in August 2014 from Birmingham in the U.K. where I trained and worked as a teacher for two years. The first two weeks back at school have been very busy but the children are ensuring I feel very welcome here at St Edward’s, I just hope they will be able to understand my accent!

Equipment
Your child should be equipped each day with the following:
- Sharp grey lead pencils
- 1 set of coloured pencils (crayons and textas, gel pens etc. are optional)
- 1 sharpener
- 1 eraser
- 1 30cm ruler
- 1 glue stick
- A paint shirt and library bag
We would ask that all your child’s belongings be clearly labelled with their name. Our school day runs far more smoothly when we don’t have to spend time borrowing items from other children. It is also unfair to children who lend their pens and glue sticks and then fail to get them back or have them run out! This supply needs to be replenished from time to time.
**Time Tabling Matters**

**Library**
The children have one Library lesson each week. In this time the children will borrow (once a fortnight) and learn library/research skills with Mrs. Jackie Barrett. This Term the focus is on researching significant sites in Australia, both natural and man-made. The children will need to bring a library bag for borrowing. They borrowed last week, wk. 2. Library times are as follows:

- Tuesday 3B: 1:50 - 2:25
- Wednesday 3M: 1:50 - 2:25
- Thursday 3G: 1:50 - 2:25

**R.F.F.**
Mrs. Andy Lockwood is our RFF teacher. She will be taking each class for one hour each week to teach Art. Andy's lessons will be in her classroom located beneath the library.

**Curriculum Matters - Key Learning Areas (KLA)**

**LEARNING INTENTIONS AND SUCCESS CRITERIA:**
Displayed in all classrooms this year will be the learning intentions and success criteria from different KLAs. Good learning intentions (LI) and success criteria (SC) show how skills and understanding can be developed and improved. By verbalizing and displaying these intentions we hope to make the children more aware of exactly what they will be learning and what they need to produce to achieve success. Therefore, the children will be motivated to continually keep 'raising the bar' and challenging themselves. Below is a brief description of what LI and SC will look like.

**For teachers:**
- a description of the learning

**For Pupils...**

**We are learning...**
- ...to know
- ...to see how
- ...the ways in which
- ...to understand how
- ...to use
- ...to be able to
- ...to get better at...

**Success criteria are:**
- How the pupils (and teacher) know to what extent the learning has been achieved.
- specific descriptions of what learners can expect to learn
- SC main purpose is to help pupils to improve rather than simply to monitor their performance.
Religion
Our first unit of work ‘Created by God - A Gift to Share’ allows students to explore their own gifts and identify how they use these gifts for the good of all. The children will also be further developing their understanding of Lent and Easter.

English
Last year we implemented the new English Curriculum and were excited to introduce and modify our strategies and learning experiences for the children. They will be involved in multimodal texts, visual literacy and critical thinking, producing both imaginative and informative texts. This Term our novel study will explore the concept of 'belonging'. Children will also participate in guided reading sessions to cater for individual needs developing their comprehension, expression and fluency in reading. There will also be a strong focus on grammar and spelling.

Maths
This year we continue implementing the new Maths curriculum. Our topics this term will be Whole Numbers, Addition & Subtraction, Time, Angles, Multiplication & Division, Patterns and Algebra, 2D Space, Position, 3D Space and Mass. Each week we will continue focusing on a particular times table and timing children saying their tables in an attempt to improve their confidence and accuracy in other areas of Maths.

Science and Technology
We are also implementing the new Science and Technology curriculum with a change of topics from last year. Our topic for this term is “Melting Moments.” This should prove to be quite interesting as we carry out our investigations!

HSIE
The children will be researching Australia – Focusing on Natural heritage sites and other historical features.

Progress Review
This year we will continue sending home the children’s work books at regular intervals so that they can discuss the work they are covering in class with you and to also give you the opportunity to see the progress that your child is making. Positive comments will be most welcomed and if you should have any concerns after viewing their books please don’t hesitate to contact us. As work books are used each day we do ask that they be returned promptly.
Homework
The children were given their Eddies Endeavour's package yesterday. It contains a homework book for recording their spelling words and tables in. More information is available on our 'Year 3' Grade page on the school's website.

Interviews
Parent/ Teacher interviews will be held in week 6 of this term. We would encourage all parents to attend if possible. We are looking forward to meeting you and exchanging information about your child. If you need to speak with us before this time, please ring the office to make an appointment. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. We look forward to 2015 being a most productive and happy school year.

Julie Goodwin    Alexandra Brownsmith    Andrew Millman

Special Points of Interest

* Remember to check the weekly school newsletter, Term Calendar and school Website for important information and dates. All notes are available from the website.

Swimming Carnival: Thursday 12th February   3.30- 8.00pm.

A reminder that if your child is not attending the carnival, we require a note explaining their absence and they must be collected from school before 2.30 on this day.

Friday the 13th February will be a pupil free day.

Tennis: - Begins 20th February

Masses:
Beginning School: Tuesday 10th February
Ash Wednesday: 18th February
Family Mass: Sunday 22nd February

Parent Teacher Interview: Wk 6 - Monday 2nd March

Catholic School's Week: Wk 7 - Monday 9th March