



**St. Mary's School**  
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### **Term Three Prep Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Three. This term, we will be working on the Inquiry Units, 'What is it made of?' a Chemical Science unit, and 'Reading is my Secret Power', linking with Book Week. We will be exploring what objects are made of and the best choice of materials for particular objects. The children will be participating in a variety of activities around these topics, including an incursion, 'Toy Science', on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

In Religious Education, we will be focusing on parts of the Mass, what happens at Mass and making links to The Last Supper. Each Prep class will attend Mass as a class this term. We will also be focusing on Mary and celebrating St Mary's Feast Day, the Feast of the Assumption, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Towards the end of the term, we will be learning about the Creation story.

This term, we will also be celebrating '100 Days of Prep' with students on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. We ask that each student bring in 100 of something on that day, for example 100 marbles, straws, Lego pieces, beads, buttons or paper clips. This will be a great counting opportunity for you to complete with your child at home.

The school nurse will visit our school in Weeks Nine and Ten. If you have not returned your information envelope, please do so as soon as possible.

During Term Three, the Prep children will be learning the short vowel sounds, blends, digraphs and simple spelling patterns. The table below lists the letters and sounds we will focus on. Please practise these at home and encourage your child to read and write these regularly. We would like to see every child returning their take home reading book at least twice a week if they are not doing this already.

Please feel free to contact your classroom teacher regarding any queries or concerns, if the need arises.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Jenny Foley and Miss Tara Riddiford

<b>Sounds/digraphs to be covered in Term Three</b>
Short 'e' (net, vet, let)
Short 'i' (pit, bit, sit)
Short 'o' (mop, not, flop)
Short 'u' (pup, but, nut)
'sh' (ship, shark, she )
'ee' (bee, knee, etc)
'th' (thumb, through, the)
'ow' (cow, how, now)
'ou' (round, country, soul)
'oo' (book, look, foot)