Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2 2016. Below is an outline indicating the knowledge and skills your children will focus on in Term 2.

### Term 2 Timetable

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- Each child is expected to have a school hat, art smock and library bag, all clearly named.
- The Prep team are unavailable for appointments on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons due to Professional Learning Meetings. If you wish to meet with us, please make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Shannon Byrne – Room 7
Bridget Walsh – Room 8
Melanie Horan – Room 9
## Religious Education
During this term, students will learn about Jesus Christ’s passion, death and resurrection and the sending of Jesus Christ’s Spirit through New Testament stories which explore these events and experiences. Students will also learn about the church building and how they can be followers of Jesus through their actions. The school theme is “Be like Jesus, show mercy” which will be continued throughout the year.

There is the opportunity for all students to attend weekly Whole School Mass on Friday mornings at 8:30am.

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## Literacy Directions
**Reading and Writing**
The exploration of non-fiction texts, supporting our unit of inquiry will be a focus of literacy, in term 2. Students will be encouraged to examine the difference between narratives and information texts, highlighting how we can obtain information from non-fiction texts. Students’ vocabulary will be targeted through science experiments and students will be given opportunities to use the new vocabulary in oral and written forms. Students will use visual diaries to record their thinking. Home reading will continue to be an important support to our literacy program.

## Numeracy Directions
In Mathematics, we will be covering:
- Counting forwards and backwards
- One-to-one correspondence using counters and other materials
- Position
- Addition
- 2D and 3D shapes.

We will be celebrating 50 days of Prep in week 4 where we will be participating in various activities with a special emphasis on that number.

## Inquiry Focus
Our Inquiry topic is *How things move*. In this unit we will look at the following understandings:
- The way objects move depends on a variety of factors, including their size and shape
- Observing and comparing the way different shaped objects such as balls, blocks and tubes.

Students will be going to Science works on Tuesday 26th April to further investigate how things move.

## Social Skills
Students will learn about the difference between good choices and poor choices. We will also be introducing students to the *You Can Do It!* (YCDI) program. The Core Value of the YCDI program for Prep (Foundation) in Term 2 will focus on *Getting Along* with one another.