Hello and welcome to St Flannan’s Prep. We are excited to be starting 2016 with such an amazing group of children! Just some reminders to start our year off together:
- Students should not be at school before 8.20am
- Students must have a school hat at school everyday
- We ask that students do not bring things to school that they treasure or are valuable. Things go missing, get broken or are lost. The school assumes no responsibility for such.

**WHAT’S MY STORY (Investigating the self and our place in the world)**

| **English** | Our focus this term is to engage children in a variety of oral language experiences that support them with rhyme, letter patterns and sounds in texts. We will explore literacy concepts through their play and will take pleasure in many books to learn concepts about print. Our literacy program will also include using Jolly phonics to explore the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. |
| **Religion** | In Religion we will be learning about our school community and the school rules. How to pray respectfully prayer including making the Sign of the Cross and exploring sacred spaces. Students will learn about celebrations in our Church including Easter. |
| **Maths** | In Mathematics we will develop solid foundations across all of the key mathematical areas with the aim to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Number, Space, Chance and Data and Measurement. Concepts that we will explore include counting, patterning, 2D shapes, numeral recognition, collecting data and making comparisons using measurement language. |
| **Science** | Science will involve exploring our natural and built environment using our senses and through play. We will participate in a variety of experiments to explore the properties of materials, to learn how to describe them and to know how to make observations of materials and changes to them. |
| **History** | In History our learning is centred on ‘Families’ and this exploration will continue into Term 2. We will be learning about differences between families, what makes a family important, celebrations in our families. We will be celebrating the differences that each of our families bring to the St Flannan’s community. Skills we will be developing include sequencing, posing questions and exploring historical language. |
| **Other Messages** | - Assemblies take place every Monday morning at the undercover area and parents are welcome to attend.  
- A parent roster will be sent out later in the term to invite parents or grandparents to support children with learning in the classroom.  
- It will be hot this term so please send your child to school wearing sunscreen and a hat and send a water bottle as we have outdoor play as part of our Prep curriculum program. The children need to have their hats on before school in the mornings if they are playing outside.  
- Please send the children in their sports uniforms on Thursday and Fridays starting next week.  
- Please collect containers, egg cartons, cardboard, milk bottle lids and anything else we might find useful for collage and junk modelling.  
- If you have any particular skills that we might find useful in the classroom please let us know. |
Important Dates for Term 1:

1. **Project Compassion**: Collection boxes will go home with the eldest in the family. Please consider this worthwhile charity that supports many of the world’s poorest people.

2. **National Day against Bullying and Violence**: Friday 18th March. Children may wear 1 item of orange clothing.

3. **Harmony Day**: Monday 21st March

4. **Holy Week celebrations**: Will occur in week 9. All children will participate in this whole school event.

5. **Flarana Fair**: Takes place in term 2. This term the first Fair committee meeting will occur Monday 15th February at 7pm in the Parish Meeting room. All Welcome to attend!