**"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" -Robert Fulghum**

1. *Share everything.*
2. *Play fair.*
3. *Don't hit people.*
4. *Put things back where you found them.*
5. *Clean up your own mess.*
6. *Don't take things that aren't yours.*
7. *Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
8. *Wash your hands before you eat.*
9. *Flush.*
10. *Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
11. *Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.*
12. *Take a nap every afternoon.*
13. *When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.*
14. *Be aware of wonder…*

# Kindy at St. Pius X

## Term 1 Outline

Term 1 is a busy and exciting time in the Kindy classroom! Our top priority is helping children build strong **social and emotional skills**—learning how to make friends, share, take turns, and take responsibility for their belongings.

## Social Development

We place a strong emphasis on:

- Developing **mat manners**
- Learning to put our **hands up** to speak
- Practising **patience** and **turn-taking**
- Being **responsible** for our own things
- Understanding **how to be a kind friend**

## Literacy Focus

This term, we are introducing a **book-based literacy program** that builds early reading and communication skills. Our goals include:

- Understanding **concepts of print** (e.g., what is a word, parts of a book)
- Exploring **Fairy Tales** to learn story structure—beginning, middle, end, problem, and resolution
- Recognising our **own names** and the **letters** in them
- **Counting syllables** in spoken words

We will also begin our **Mystery Bag news program**, where each child gets a chance to speak in front of the class and build confidence in their oral language skills.

## Numeracy Focus

In Numeracy, children will:

- Explore **2D shapes**, **patterns**, and **colours**
- Engage with **number stories**
- Practise **one-to-one correspondence** through counting activities

## Fine Motor Development

We will be using the **Peggy Lego** and **Diana Rigg** programs to build fine motor skills, including:

- **Cutting with scissors**
- **Visual tracking**
- **Strengthening small muscles** through art and craft tasks

## Religion

Each day will begin with a **daily prayer**, and we will learn:

- How to make the **Sign of the Cross**
- Ways to show **reverence** when speaking about Jesus
- How to care for **God's world**

We will explore Bible stories such as:

- **Noah's Ark**
- **Zacchaeus**
- The **Easter story**

## Specialist Subjects

This term, the children will also enjoy:

- **Physical Education**
- **Library**
- **Italian**
- **Music**

We'll also make the most of our **outdoor environment**, incorporating **loose parts play** to support creativity, exploration, and imagination.

What a wonderful start to the year we have ahead of us!

Warm regards,

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*Kindy Teacher*