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Item 2 - Uniform
The Middle School Uniform Policy will be sent home this week. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform items required for each day. 

NB: Sports shoes must be predominantly white and shorts cannot have logos on the front. Also, students **MUST** have black leather formal shoes in accordance with Workplace Health & Safety policy.

Item 3 - Year 7 Camp
Most students have now returned their Year 7 Camp forms for Thunderbird Park. Can you please ensure these are returned asap so we can go ahead and lock in numbers. A note will be sent home next week with more details about departure times etc.

Item 4 - Class Dojo
This year we are embarking on a new Personal Development initiative that falls under the heading of “Gifts of the Holy Spirit”. We are continuing the use of Class Dojo in class to reward positive behavior’s aligned with each ‘gift’. Teachers have set up their classes and each student will be given a username and password. They will be able to create their own avatar and track their progress with weekly reports.

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www.classdojo.com

Item 5 - Drama Props
We are looking for props for the drama space such as dress up hats/handbags/old glasses/umbrella/walking stick etc. If you have anything that you think may be suitable, please send them to the old Assembly hall or speak to Chrissy Border.

Item 6 - Student Diaries
Students are adapting well to the use of their diaries. Please ensure that you are checking the diary and corresponding with teachers through them. Please sign the diary at the end of each week to enable us to make sure you have seen any notes. Students will have their diaries checked every Monday morning for a parent signature.

Item 7 - Sports Uniform
Students will wear their sports uniform on a Wednesday as this is their P.E. day. Middle School students have a separate sports shirt to the primary school and these can be purchased from the office.

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Item 8 - Teacher Contacts
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