DEAR 2B PARENTS,

Welcome to 2015!
I would like to introduce myself as your child’s classroom teacher for 2015. My name is Mrs Karin Williams. I live on a family farm between Bendick Murrell and Monteagle. I have three children. A daughter in Year 11, a son in Year 9 and a son just starting Year 7 at Hennessy College. I look forward to meeting you all.

We have had a busy yet fun week and I am enjoying getting to know your children. We have an exciting term ahead of us! The children are refreshed, enthusiastic and excited to be in Year 2.

A few dates for your diary:
Our Opening Mass is on 6th February. Our Parent Teacher Goal Setting evenings are at the beginning of Week 3. We have our Family Fun Night at the Young Aquatic Centre on the 19th February. The children will be contributing art works to our Art show which will be held in Catholic School’s Week in Week 7. All of these activities will be explained further in the weekly newsletter.

Class Mass- Our Mass is in Week 10. Please come along and join us in this special celebration. More information regarding Mass will be in the newsletter.

Assembly- Year 2 assemblies are scheduled for Terms 2 and 4.

RE- God and God’s Creation- "Wondrous God" The major focus of this unit is creation. Students recognise God as the giver of all that is good, experienced in people and the world around us.

Mathematics- We will be covering all strands of Mathematics this term with an aim to solidify concepts the children need strengthening. The children will be looking at number combinations and patterns in preparation for times tables.

English- In English we will be completing a unit on Journeying using a variety of rich texts. Children will have a spelling and grammar test each Friday. Reading Groups will commence in Week 6. Home Reading will begin in Week 3.
Science- We are investigating forces in Science, particularly the push and pull forces. Your child is welcome to bring in a simple push/pull toy next week to explain to the class which force enables it to move.

Creative Arts- Activities will involve both drawing and painting and preparation for the Art Show.

PDH- Mr O’Brien will be teaching 'Friendly Schools Plus' to the Year 2 children during my Teacher Release Time

PE- will be taught by Mr Keighley on a Monday. Our sport’s day is Thursday. Children are expected to wear Sport’s Uniform on these days. (MONDAY and THURSDAY)

Homework- Children are expected to learn their weekly spelling words by using the testing page which will be given out each week. A different activity will be expected to be completed each week to support the Sound Waves unit. Children throughout the school will be completing one unit of Math’s Mentals each week. Homework is due back on Friday. Where possible we will endeavor to give out Homework on Friday so you have the weekend if you need extra time.

PLEASE SIT WITH YOUR CHILD TO READ EVERY NIGHT!

Library day is Tuesday.
• If your child is absent from school please remember to send a note in when they return to class. Similarly, children arriving late or leaving early will need a note.
• Please label all clothes and belongings.

Please remember to pack fruit and a water bottle each day.

Book Covering: Please cover the following books and label with your child’s name, class and subject.

Contact can be made to me via email or note. Please allow time for a response.
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Finally, if you ever have any questions, concerns or would like to just catch up please don’t hesitate to contact me and arrange a suitable time.
We will be asking for Parent Helpers from Week 6. If you are able to assist us please approach your child’s teacher.

Many thanks
Karin Williams