



# Welcome to Year 2 Term 2, 2017



## Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday and have come back rested and looking forward to another busy term. Term 2 is filled with many special celebrations and events.

We are very excited to have spent the beginning of term refreshing our knowledge of the Virtues Project and we are looking forward to implementing new strategies that will assist the children in becoming more confident and independent in resolving conflict with their peers.

**Week 1 Soccer Carnival** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Week 2 Book Fair** Children preview books on May 1st

**Mother's Day Morning Tea** - Week 3 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May in school hall.

**Our topics this term are:**

**RE-** "Traditions of Jesus and His People"

**Mathematics-** We begin this term by working in the number strand, learning about larger numbers and discovering different ways to carry out operations. After that we will be working on using time and measuring the mass and length of objects. To finish off the term we will be investigating chance events. A very full term of Mathematics ahead for us!

**English-** Independent reading and writing will continue to be a major focus. We are encouraging the children to choose their books wisely for independent reading so that the book is not too difficult, not too easy, but just right. We will continue to support the children in their reading choices. We will be focusing on improving the quality of the children's independent writing and expect them to be using correct sentence punctuation and grammar conventions by the end of the term.

**HSIE (History)-** The Past In The Present. Students will continue to investigate the history of our school and what it reveals about the past. They will also investigate the changes in technology throughout time and the effects of these changes.

**Science-** Our main focus for Science this term is **Earth & Space**

"Water Works." Children will learn to describe water, investigate water use and movement and view models of rain.

**Creative Arts-** Activities will involve a variety of art making forms including sculpture. Where possible lessons will be integrated with English, History and Religion.

**FRENCH** - Mrs Bolger will be **TEACHING** French to the children on a fortnightly basis and they will be introduced to French language and culture.

**PE-** We will be focusing on ball skills this term. The children will work on skills for the first half of the term and games using these skills in the second half of the term. Sport's days remain on Monday and Wednesday.

**Homework-** Firstly, congratulations on the effort put into homework in Term 1. Please continue this term and remember that **READING** is still the top priority.

It is imperative that **CHILDREN READ FOR 20 MINUTES EACH AND EVERY NIGHT.**

This can be done in different ways. Rather than just listening to your child read, your child may like you to read the book with them, or you can take turns to read a sentence or page each.

Reading together should be a special experience.

#### **HOUSE KEEPING**

- ✓ Library day is Wednesday for 2M and Thursday for 2W.
- ✓ Sports days are Monday and Wednesday.
- ✓ If your child is absent from school, please remember to send a note in when they return to class.
- ✓ Please label all clothes and belongings.

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

Finally, if you ever have any questions, concerns or would like to just catch up, do not hesitate to contact us and arrange a time.

Many thanks,

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