May 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely Easter and a well-deserved break with your family. The following information will let you know what will be happening in Year 2 this term.

**Religious Education**

Year 2s will be learning about **how the stories of Jesus in the New Testament give meaning to our Church community today**. We will be researching aspects of life in the first century at the time of Jesus – food / clothing / jobs / housing & buildings / geography / culture / historical setting. We will be looking in detail at 2 stories from the New Testament – Jesus Heals a Crippled Women and Jesus Walks on Water.

During this Term, 2P will be preparing and participating in our own **Class Liturgy**.

**English**

This Term we will be introducing the students to the text structure and language features of **Persuasive Texts** and how to write one themselves.

We will continue to expand our knowledge about words and will cover – **Compound Words**, **Contraction**, **Homophones**.

In Grammar we will be looking closely at **Common & Proper Nouns** and **Pronouns**.

**Maths**

This term in Maths we will be concentrating on:

- **Number** - exploring **numbers beyond 100**
- setting out **addition** stories using both **horizontal & vertical** format
- **Measurement** - measuring the **Mass (weight)** of objects
- **Time** - using a **calendar**
- telling time by the **half-hour** (analogue & digital)
- **Shape** - **3D** objects
- **Chance** - identifying **likely/unlikely** and **certain/possible/impossible**
- **Data** - showing data on a **picture & bar graphs**

**Science**

This Term in science we will be investigating **Chemical Science**,

- Observing a variety of materials and describing ways in which they are used
- Investigating the effects of mixing materials together.
- Suggesting why different parts of everyday objects are made from different materials
- Identifying materials that can be changed and remade or recycled into new products.
Physical Education

This Term the children will be preparing for the Athletics Carnival. Throughout Term 2, the children will be participating in ‘Dance Fever’ each Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to undertake the dance component of the Arts syllabus with trained professional teachers.

Under 8’s Day

Under 8’s Day will be held in Week 7. Children will participate in a variety of fun activities. A note will be sent home in the near future asking for parent volunteers. Please offer your assistance and help make Under 8’s Day a huge success. This is the last year that your child will be eligible to participate in Under 8s Activities.

Literacy Groups

Literacy Rotations recommence this week, Week 3, and will continue to be on

**Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 – 3:00pm**

Thank you to the parents who are able to assist with this, as well as our morning Individual Reading.

Parent help is essential in making these activities a success for the children and without your help these activities would not be possible.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will be conducted in Weeks 5 & 6 and I will be reporting on your child’s progress to date. You will be able to book online for your interview this term. Please read your upcoming Newsletters for instructions in how to do this.

Thank you for your continued support.
I look forward to a wonderful term with your children!!

*Toni Pennisi (1P)*