

TERM TWO NEWSLETTER: YEAR TWO (1/2F)

April 28th 2017

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 2, after such a lovely Easter and a well-deserved break with family. The following information will let you know what will be happening in Year 2 this term.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Term we will be learning about the stories in the New Testament that tell about Jesus' mission and ministry. We will make connections between Jesus' teachings and actions and the way members of the Church community live today. We will learn about the Sacrament of Penance and prayers for forgiveness.



ENGLISH

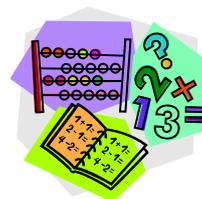
In Term 2 the children will be introduced to the text structure and language features of Persuasive Texts and how to use strong emotive language to influence an opinion of others. They will also be introduced to different forms of simple Poetry and begin to write some of their own.

Year 2s will continue to expand their knowledge about words and will cover – Compound Words, Contractions, (words with an apostrophe) and Homophones (words that sound the same, but are spelt differently).

In Grammar they will be looking closely at Common & Proper Nouns, Adjectives and Verbs.

MATHS

This term in Maths the children will be concentrating on:-



- Number** - exploring & representing numbers to 999
- setting out addition and subtraction stories using both horizontal & vertical format
- exploring multiplication as repeated addition
- Fractions** - using models & symbols to show part of a shape or a collection
- Measurement** - measuring the area of objects and the capacity of containers using arbitrary units (eg counters, blocks, sand)
- Time** - using a calendar
- telling time by the half-hour (analogue & digital clocks)
- Shape** - 3D objects
- Chance** - identifying certain/possible/impossible and likely/unlikely
- Data** - collecting data on various topics
- showing data on bar graphs & column graphs

SCIENCE

Year 2's will be learning about Physical Science: A push or a pull affects how an object moves or changes shape. They will:

- explore ways that objects move on land, through water and in the air;
- explore how different strengths of pushes and pulls affect the movement of objects;
- identify toys from different cultures that use the forces of push or pull;
- consider the effects of objects being pulled towards the Earth;



HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

In Year 2 there are two sub-strands in Humanities and Social Sciences – history and geography. However, these will be combined under the one heading of ‘Humanities and Social Sciences’ on the report card. This Term in history, we are learning about historical sites in our town and the significance they have to our community. We will be making a short **excursion** to our local Memorial Park & Lane and will be in need of Parent Helpers. An email / note with the details will be sent home when the date has been set. In Geography, we will be discussing the Aboriginal names & meanings of places in the local area and the Indigenous connections to the land through Dreaming Stories.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As well as our weekly physical education lessons, this term the students will be:

- exploring how eating healthy foods can influence health and wellbeing.
- exploring the benefits of regular physical activity and how physical activity can take place in a range of different environments.

DANCE

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.



PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents who are able to assist with our **morning reading sessions**. We will be needing parents to support the students’ reading on an individual basis each **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** morning from **8.50am – 9.30am**. Any morning you can stay for a little while and listen to children read will be greatly appreciated.

This term, we will be joining 2P for **Reading Groups** each **Monday & Tuesday afternoon** from **2:20 - 2:50pm**. Please let me know if you are able to help on either afternoon.

SPECIALIST LESSONS: TERM TWO

<u>YEAR 1/2F's SPECIALIST DAYS</u>			
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
Term2 DANCE	MUSIC P.E.	LIBRARY BORROWING	P.E.

Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to a wonderful term with your children!

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