Year 2 - Term 1 Overview, 2014

Dear Year Two Parents,

Welcome to Year Two. We look forward to a very busy year of work. The children will be learning a variety of exciting concepts and we hope they enjoy every minute of their learning time. Below is a detailed outline of what your children will be learning about in Term One. It will also provide you with important information about the daily routines of your child’s class and expectations of your children.

Key Learning Areas

Religion
The first unit for Religion this term will be ‘Jesus Helps Me to Love’. This unit focuses on getting the children to recognise that Baptism is a ritual initiation into God’s family, where they are called to love, share with, listen to and accept others. Our Lenten unit is called Being Alone. This unit focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent. It enables the students to look for, know and find God within themselves

English
Our English program this term focuses on a variety of big books that integrate with our Science and Technology and H.S.I.E units. Some of these book are; Grandpa Green, Shoes from Grandpa, When Mum was Little, Moving On, Pancakes ,Pancakes and Families are Funny. We will be developing comprehension strategies such as predicting, questioning,, visualizing and making connections.
Text types for this term include informative and imaginative through spoken, print, visual, media, multimodal and digital texts.
In spelling, and grammar  the children will be concentrating on sight words, list words, personal words, nouns, verbs and sentence structure. Vocabulary is also a major focus throughout the year.

Science and Technology
The unit ‘Watch it Grow’ provides experiences for the children to explore the growth of a range of living things and explore the processes of growth and change that apply to all animals, including themselves.

Human Society and Its Environment
During the integrated unit ‘Past Generations ‘ the children will explore the changes and continuities in the ways families have done things over time. This unit will integrate with the Science & Technology unit and will focus on how things have changed over time.

Mathematics
In Mathematics the children will be focusing on developing their mental computation skills using number busting, bead kebabs and bead strings.

Number and Algebra
• Whole Numbers – e.g. counts forwards and backwards, ordinal numbers, counts orders, reads and represents two and three digit numbers
• Addition and Subtraction – using a range of mental strategies and informal recording methods.

Measurement and Geometry
• 2D Space – Manipulate, sort, represents, describe and explore various two-dimensional shapes.
• Time - Reading analog and digital times (o’clock and half-past)
• Length – Recognise the need for metres and centimetres, and use them to estimate and measure length and distance.

Statistic and Probability
Interpret information presented in picture and column graphs.
**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education**

In Health the children will be learning about ‘Protective Behaviours’. This unit is teaches the importance of how to stay safe, learn who to trust and who can help them in difficult situations.

In Physical Education children are learning ‘Ball Skills’. Children will be developing skills in bouncing, kicking, catching and throwing balls which will be used in a variety of games.

**Visual Arts**

In Visual Arts the students will learn about colour, texture, tinting, colour wheels, opposite colours. The children will explore colour through different medium.

**Term One – Dates to remember**

- Welcome BBQ for new families- Friday 7th Feb
- School Opening Mass- 14th February
- Year 2 Grade mass- 22nd February Saturday evening Vigil Mass
- Year 2 excursion to Fairfield City Museum- Blue and Gold classes- 4th March
- Year 2 excursion to Fairfield City Museum- Red and White classes- 6th March
- Ash Wednesday – 5th March
- Last day of Term – 11th April

**Expectations of Children in Year Two**

All children are expected to:

- be punctual! School starts at 8:30am, all late arrivals must be signed in with a parent at the office.
- wear full school uniform (no coloured shoes or laces).
- wear full sports uniform on **Monday and Thursday**
- bring library bags for borrowing on **Wednesday**
- return homework and readers on **Friday**
- follow class and school rules.
- be responsible for their own belongings (please label everything that your child brings to school including lunch box, drinks, stationery etc…).

**Homework / Reading At Home**

- Homework will be given to students each Monday and needs to be completed and returned to school each Friday to be marked.
- Students choose a reader of their choice from a selected box and are asked to be returned with their homework.
- Please feel free to expose your child to a variety of literature by visiting the local library.

**Specialist Teachers**

- Creative Arts (Music) - Mr Green
- Health – Mrs Sciacchitano
- Information Technology – Mrs Griffiths-Smith
- Literacy enrichment- Mrs Staunton

**Parent Helpers**

Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated! Please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you are able to assist and in what way.

Thank you,
Ms Terweeme, Mr Price, Mrs Mulkern and Miss Carroll / Mrs Andreatta