

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Term 1, 2024

Welcome to Year 2! This newsletter provides an overview of the upcoming term. We have a lot of fun and hard work ahead of us and we can't wait to jump in to start Term 1.

Key Dates

26th January – Australia Day Holiday
29th January – Swimming Commences
6th February – Parent Information Evening
19th March – Parent Teacher Meetings
21st March – School Photo Day
22nd March – Harmony Day

Technology in the Classroom

This term, our focus in the classroom will be teaching our students to be responsible technology users. We will be exploring many different apps and learning how to use these effectively.

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Subject Overview

English

In this unit students listen to, read and view a range of literary imaginative texts that contain certain structural elements and language features that reflect an informative text. Students create, rehearse and present a procedure in front of their peers.

Maths

This term we will be covering the following topics: time (days, months and seasons), skip counting, 2-digit numbers, measuring length, adding and subtracting, and chance and data! Don't forget to use Mathletics at home as it is a great online learning tool.

HASS

This term the focus is on 'What is a place?' We will look at the geographical divisions in the world and places at different scales (personal, local, regional, national, global). We will pose questions, use maps, identify key features that define a place and describe locations of places.

Science

This term the focus of our unit is Properties of Materials. We will be looking at what different materials are used for and the reasons why based on their known properties (e.g. strong, waterproof, hard, smooth).

Specialist classes

Dance

Throughout the semester students make and respond to dance by exploring dance from other countries and cultural groups as stimulus.

Design Technology

Students will design and make a spinning toy that is fun and easy to use based around concepts learnt in Science.

Digital Technologies

Students will be focussing on developing their foundational skills in computational thinking and an awareness of personal experiences using digital systems.

Health

In this unit, students examine the purpose of advertising and the techniques used to engage children. They explore health messages seen in advertising and how they can be used to make good decisions about their own and others' health and wellbeing.

PE

In this unit, students will demonstrate fundamental movement skills (instep pass, punt kick and one hand strike) and test alternatives to solve management challenges (to reach their targets). We will be building up our endurance for cross country and participate in our swimming block.

	Library	Music	PE (swimming)	Digi Tech	Dance
2L	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Friday	Thursday
2W	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Friday	Tuesday
2P	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
2PT	Friday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday

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Homework

MUST DO (please make sure students read daily)

Reading

Year 2 students are encouraged to read every night. Readers will be sent home each week.

MIGHT DO (These are optional activities)

Mathletics / Reading Eggs

An interesting and engaging online program for kids, with great games and activities. User names and passwords will be sent home in homework folders.

Spelling

This will be sent home by your teacher but this is optional.

School Routines

School Arrivals and Departures

On arrival, students go straight to the senior covered area – where they will sit with their hat on while being supervised by staff. Before school, play occurs in the quadrangle ONLY from 8.30 to 8.55 each day. Students should not go to **their classroom** or **class veranda** to drop off their school bag until they have been released from the quadrangle at 8.55. If students are waiting with parents prior to 8.55 – we ask that they sit with their parent/s in an area of seating under one of our covered spaces – please do not wait on verandas or directly outside class-rooms as staff may have meetings in progress. Arrivals after 9am must be signed in at the office and a late slip collected. Departures before 3pm must be signed out at the office and an early departure slip handed to the teacher. Thank you for your support.

Student Absences

The preferred method is via the Qparents app or alternatively please call the student absentee line 3716 2160 if your child is going to be absent from school.

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