

## Year 2 Term One Newsletter 2025



Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year! The students have settled in nicely and are quickly becoming familiar with the classroom routines and expectations. The following information is an overview of your child's learning and skill development for Term 1.

### Religion:



Throughout the first term, the students will learn how we belong to the Church community. With the upcoming period of Lent, the students will explore the significance of this special time in the Church and reflect upon the ways in which they can prepare themselves for the coming of Easter. Students will learn about the liturgical symbols and colours of lent, lenten traditions (such as almsgiving, prayer and fasting) and the events of Holy Week.

### English



This term in Writing, students will be creating text to inform and explain. Students will be identifying the audience and purpose of their texts and adapting their writing to suit their needs. The students will learn about the important features of various text types, including text structure and focusing on language features

such as proper nouns and adjectives. Students will also develop their editing skills as they will be encouraged to check their writing to ensure it is cohesive with correct use of punctuation and attempts at spelling. Finally, students will be enhancing their handwriting, with a focus on correct letter formation and using the dotted thirds correctly.

During reading, students will be developing their comprehension skills as we explicitly teach asking and answering questions, retelling, tuning into text features and summarising.

Additionally, the students will continue to engage in the InitialLit program in Year 2. The program will continue to focus on developing the students' spelling, reading fluency and comprehension and grammar.

### **Home Reading**

Early Term 1, the children will begin to take home a book to read to or with an adult each night. Students will also be bringing home a Home Reading Record. We ask students to read for 15 minutes each night and we encourage you to listen to your child and engage them in discussions about the book. Please remind students to bring the Home Reading Record to school each day in their green satchel.

The books students read at home should be relatively easy for your child to read in order for them to practise fluency, expression and develop a sound understanding of what has been read. Some children may also be reading a personal book of their own instead of a take home book. This can be discussed further with the classroom teacher at the Parent Teacher Exchange Evening. Your child will continue to work with their teacher reading texts at an instructional level during class time.

## Maths



The students will be exploring a range of topics this term, through the use of hands-on materials and practical learning experiences. These topics will include data (collecting, representing and interpreting data using simple graphs), counting patterns, place value involving numbers initially to 1000, addition and subtraction and using a calendar to locate months, days and specific dates. They will continue to learn to use a variety of written and mental maths strategies to support their mathematical reasoning.

## Inquiry:



This term in Inquiry, students explore ways of Growing Together. We will focus on personal, social and community health in our unit of work. We will discuss our connections to different communities and the rules that bring us together and keep us safe.

## Homework

Students will be expected to read for 15 minutes each night. Please refer to the 'Reading' section above for more information.

## Parent Teacher Exchange:



On Monday 17th February and Wednesday 19th February, the school will be holding our Parent Teacher Exchange evenings. This is your opportunity to pass on any valuable information you would like your child's teacher to know. Please check the upcoming school newsletters for information regarding how to book a time for your interview.

## Uniform Expectations

- Students need to wear their summer uniform, which includes the school socks for all boys. These are all available from PSW and no other socks are allowed.
- Leather school shoes are expected to be worn as well.
- All students must have their hat when outside in Term 1 and Term 4.
- Students must wear white socks with their sport uniform. Sport shorts with the school logo are available from PSW.
- Hair must be kept neat and tidy. If your child's hair is collar length or below, it must be tied up. Hair should also not cover a student's eyes and there is to be no colouring of hair.
- Jewellery other than stud earrings and nail polish are not permitted at school.

## Sport:



In addition to your child's weekly Physical Education lesson with Colin Edwards, they will also be participating in a second weekly Sport lesson with their classroom teacher. Your child will be required to wear their Sport uniform on Wednesday and Friday.

### Specialist Subjects:

In Year 2, students will have weekly Physical Education, Italian, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, e-learning and STEM. Throughout the week students will have access to Chromebooks. They will also have a weekly library session each Thursday. Students will be required to bring their green folder to school each day containing their Library book and home reading book.

<b>2KP, 2IL &amp; 2SC</b>
<b>Physical Education:</b> Wednesday <b>Class Sport:</b> Friday <b>*Sport uniform on these days only</b>
<b>Italian:</b> Tuesday
<b>Visual Art:</b> Tuesday
<b>E-learning:</b> Tuesday
<b>Performing Arts:</b> Wednesday
<b>STEM:</b> Wednesday
<b>Library:</b> Thursday

### Tissues and supplies:



It would be greatly appreciated if families could please spare **a box of tissues** and **a packet of disinfectant wipes** for our classroom. If your child has not already brought their school art smock and library bag could they please bring these to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Lunch Orders:

Just a reminder that the school Canteen is open on **Wednesday and Thursdays** and orders can be made prior to 11pm the night before using the **CDF Pay** <https://spmentone.cdfpay.org.au/>

### Operoo and Audiri

Teachers and administration staff often communicate important information with parents using the Operoo and Audiri apps. Please ensure you check these regularly as school information, school excursion details and permission slips are sent home via these apps. If any new families need help with these apps or setting up an Operoo profile for your child, please see the friendly office staff for assistance.

### Key Dates



**Monday 17th February** -Parent Teacher Exchange  
**Wednesday 19th February** -Parent Teacher Exchange  
**Tuesday 4th March** - Shrove Tuesday  
**Wednesday 5th March** - Ash Wednesday  
**Thursday 6th & Friday 7th March** - Staff Religious Retreat  
**Monday 10th March** - Labour Day Public Holiday  
**Monday 17th March** - St Patrick's Feast Day  
**Friday 21st March** - St Patrick's Festival  
**Wednesday 19th March** - School Photos  
**Tuesday 25th March** - End of Term Mass  
**Friday 4th April** - End of Term 1

If you have any questions please contact us using our school email address. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Yours Sincerely,

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