

## Term 2 Newsletter- Year 1 & 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and are ready for another action packed term. Our classroom doors open at 8:45am and we will be available after school for quick chats and messages on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make an appointment with us for any longer discussions. Our email addresses are at the bottom of this newsletter.

### **Religion**

We will begin Term Two by celebrating the Easter Resurrection and how we connect to it. Then will then connect with the celebration of Pentecost, which occurs 40 days after Easter. The next unit that we will be exploring will focus on the student's role as caretakers of our world just as Jesus taught. We will then learn about the importance of forgiveness and saying sorry when we have made choices that were not the best. This will connect with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **Literacy**

This term in Literacy we will continue to work on our reading skills through decoding, fluency, spelling, grammar and comprehension.



In Writing, we will be learning about how to compose Information Reports and how to write a Persuasive text. Both genres will have a focus on using correct sentence structure.

### **Show and Tell**

Show and Tell will occur once a fortnight. The children will be given a topic in class and will also rehearse in class before presenting.

Take home books will continue to be changed on Mondays. Please get your child to read the words at the front and the back of the book - quickly, the faster they recognise them the better! Don't forget to ask the comprehension questions. The aim of each book is to have your child reading fluently by the end of the week and to recognise the focus sound automatically.

### **Inquiry Based Learning**

Our Inquiry unit this term is "Grow and Change". In this unit we will be learning about things that change (people, animals, seasons, substances). The students will be involved in experiments to learn how substances can change under various conditions and will learn how they and different animals grow and change over time.



### **Mathematics**

In Term 2, we are using some new resources that have been developed to help reduce children's cognitive load and use retrieval practices to move learning to long term memory. We will begin learning about addition and subtraction. We will then revise place value before moving onto Mass and Capacity and then revisit addition and subtraction. We will continue to use a range of hands-on activities to consolidate learning.

### **Homework**

Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. We encourage students to use Matific weekly. Inside your child's diary is a note with all of their passwords. Please ensure that the home reading diary is filled out and returned to your child's classroom teacher on their allocated day.

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**Important Dates - Term 2**

Monday 15 April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day public holiday
Friday 26 April	School Closure Day
Monday 6 May	School Closure Day
Tuesday 7 May	Cross Country
Thursday 9 May	Mothers Day Prayer Service & Activities
Friday 10 May	Mothers Day Stall
Monday 13 May	Holy Trinity Feast Day and incursion
Monday 20 May	School Photo Day
Monday 10 June	King's Birthday
Friday 14 June	School Disco -run by PA
Friday 28 June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 15 July	First day of Term 3

Kind regards,

Year 1/2 teachers