

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to Term 4!

We hope that families were able to enjoy some relaxing (non-screen) time together over the break. Stories have been shared about many a walk, playground visit and picnic amongst the group!

As we navigate our way back to on-site learning while maintaining focus on remote learning, students continue to amaze us with their resilience and adaptability. This term flexibility will be key - some days will see students learning from home and some days we will be together at school. The Year Two team are very confident that we will have covered all curriculum expected at this level and therefore learning at school will reflect those areas needing consolidation, in a hands-on way. As a result, the timetable for weeks 3, 4 and 5 may differ a little to cater for this. Eg: Maths lessons completed only on-site, etc.

At this stage, at the time of writing this newsletter so much of Term 4 remains 'up in the air.' There are definite plans to enjoy our learning and embrace being together at school once more. However, 'normal' St James events may look a little different to usual to allow for a Covid-safe school life for the remainder of Term 4.

One thing is true...and that is that we miss your children, and we also miss seeing the families at school. If lockdown has taught us one thing it is the need for connection. We are looking forward with hope to this re-connection with you and your family very soon!

Many thanks for your ongoing support with your child's learning.

Please remember that we are always contactable via email should you have a question or concern.

The Year Two Team
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An updated timetable will be provided as soon as Specialist Class days are confirmed.

Please continue bringing Library Bags in on Fridays!

Students will be able to borrow books in Week 3.

Please return all library books from home.



LITERACY

In Term 4 our Reading focus is on comparing and contrasting. We will look at two versions of the same story and investigate the similarities and differences.

In writing we will explore and consolidate a range of text types, including recounts, poetry and narratives.

Students will be combining design and technology to complete a fun and engaging writing project when they return to on-site schooling.

We strongly encourage students continue their excellent reading habits - reading a book of their choice for at least 15-20 minutes per night.

MATHEMATICS

In Term 4 we will be exploring the following topics - Location, Mass, and division, as well as consolidating and extending our learning of fractions and the four operations.

Some students have been practising their times tables as part of remote learning and we strongly encourage this as part of your nightly routine.

Knowledge of times tables allows students to quickly compute numbers and is highly advantageous as they prepare for Year 3 in 2022.

As with any learning, please allow your child to work at their own pace!

RE/INQUIRY

Hope is our overarching theme for our Religion and Inquiry learning in Term 4. Our essential question is, *'How can we share our hope with others?'*

We will reflect on our hopes and investigate some other communities that may have very different hopes to ours. Student will collaboratively design a way to help and support those who have more needs than us.

They will explore ways to take action and make a difference to somebody else's life.

Our theme of Hope then weaves it way into the season of Advent, when we prepare in hope for the coming of Jesus.