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Welcome

Welcome back to your child's first term in Year 2. The children have settled back in to school very smoothly and we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with them. For your information, we have included a summary of some of the learning activities we will be undertaking this term. A more detailed overview of your child's classroom routines will be presented at our 'Meet The Teacher' evening on Tuesday 21 February.

English

In English this term, students will engage in a variety of reading, writing, and speaking and listening activities. Literacy groups will be commencing soon in all Year 2 classes. Parent helpers may be required later in the term and information regarding rosters will be sent out shortly. In Writing, students will be writing informative (recounts) and imaginative (narratives) texts throughout the term. Grammar will be integrated into reading and writing lessons.

All students will be allocated a news day, however, they will not be required to present news every week. Many of the speaking and listening activities will be undertaken as part of the class teaching and learning activities, in line with the English syllabus. Information about formal news presentations will be sent out when required.

Spelling Mastery will commence in soon and will run Monday-Thursday 9-9:30.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, students will be focusing on one mathematical concept each week. They will also be engaged in a weekly session where they will practise and consolidate arithmetical strategies and continue to develop their number sense. Weekly maths homework has been programmed to allow students to consolidate their understanding of what they are learning in class. This will be explained further at the 'Meet The Teacher' evening.

Week	Concept
4	Whole Number
5	Time
6	Addition
7	2D Shapes
8	Subtraction
9	Data
10	Multiplication
11	Division



Science

During Science, students will be looking at 'Playgrounds Past and Present'. This unit investigates a range of places and spaces in the environment and how the design of these places is influenced by their purpose. Students will be moving around the Year Two classrooms and carry out 'hands on' on activities to investigate different materials. Experiments will focus on the science of playground equipment.

History

In History, students will be studying the unit 'The Past in The Present'. They will explore, recognise and appreciate the history of their local area by examining remains of the past and considering why they should be preserved. Students will also identify and describe significant people, events, places and sites in their local community over time and examine the impact of technology on their daily lives.

Personal Development and Health

In PDH this term we will focus on PBEL (Positive Behaviour for Engaging Learning). PBEL will provide students and staff with a positive and proactive system for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviours. Students who meet the expectations will be rewarded regularly and acknowledged through the school merit system. Students whose behaviour does not meet the expectations will be encouraged to reflect on how their behaviour could be improved.



Physical Education

Mr Elsely is looking forward to working with the students in PE. This term, Stage One will explore and perform fundamental movement skills with equipment in minor games. In each lesson, students will perform different movement patterns such as catching, throwing, kicking and striking in a variety of games.

Class swimming has commenced and the day and times for each class have been sent home. Please ensure your child brings their necessary items each week. Classes will require one helper to assist with supervising the lessons; your child's teacher will contact you if required. Unfortunately, no pre-schoolers are able to be with you at the pool.

Year 2 Swimming Days and Times

2HK	Monday 11.30 am – 12.20 pm
2M	Tuesday 2.00 pm – 2.40 pm
2AP	Wednesday 10.20 am – 11.00 am
2PT	Thursday 9.40 am – 10.20 am
2G	Thursday 12.30pm - 1.10pm

ICT

Year 2 will look at Digital Citizenship in Term 1, specifically looking at Cyber-Safety. Students will also create a PowerPoint presentation on the Science unit 'Playgrounds - Past and Present'. The focus will be on formatting slides and inserting graphics



Music

Year 2 students will begin their weekly descant recorder lessons with Ms Miggins. Students will be learning the fingering for the notes G and A, correct breathing technique and the importance of posture. They will also be exposed to standard music notation

Classroom requirements

A note outlining classroom stationery supplies was issued last week. Please ensure that your child has brought in all of the necessary equipment to be organised for school. Please make sure your child's equipment is clearly labeled with his/her name.

Library

This term in library with Miss Liddell and Mrs Kroie, Stage 1 students will be taught the basics of how to use the library system Oliver. They will learn how to access it from home and school, how to search and interpret results for books using the junior version of 'Oliver'- 'Orbit', and how to place reservations on books. They will revise the rules of the library, concentrating on our ROAR expectations. Over a series of lessons, the students will become 'Library Detectives' and engage in hands-on inquiry learning, practise their library skills and take examinations to prove their knowledge in order to earn their library licences. They will revise the layout and organisation of the library and learn how to read the spine labels correctly by participating in 'rookie cases' to explore the library in depth

Every class has the opportunity to visit our school library once a week during class time for borrowing purposes. It is important for students to remember to bring their library books on their allocated day. **All students are expected to bring a library bag on their day.**

Year 2 Library Borrowing Days

2HK Wednesday

2M Wednesday

2AP Wednesday

2PT Tuesday

2G Tuesday

Fruit break

Fruit break will continue to occur each day at about 10.00 am. Please make sure your child has a small amount of cut fruit to eat.



Homework

Home readers will commence in Week 5. Formal homework will commence in Week 6 and activities will include spelling words, Mathematics and reading. To ensure students understand our expectations of homework, we will be practising in class in Week 5. More details will be shared with you at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

Reminders

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their **new** class.

If you wish to make an appointment with your child's teacher please contact them by phone or email so they can arrange a suitable time for you both.

Help us to keep your child safe and happy by notifying us of any changes to normal family routines, such as attendance at the After School Care Centre or travelling home by bus.

Absences

Absences from school do require a note explaining the absence and should accompany the student on their return to school. Please advise the school of an extended absence (10 days or more) that requires the completion of an application for Extended Leave form. If students are arriving at school late or departing school early, they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and signed in or out at the front office.

Year 2 Team

Anna Maclaine 2M (Relieving Assistant Principal)

Nick Bodnar 2AP

Louise Hallinan and Elke Kroie 2HK

Hannah Ginges 2G

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