Year 2 Newsletter: Term 1

Welcome to all of our new and returning families for 2015. We trust that you enjoyed your Christmas holidays and are feeling excited, refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. This newsletter will provide you with a brief outline of what students will be learning throughout Term 1 across all subject areas.

ENGLISH

The beginning of Term 1 (Unit 1) will see students reading, writing and performing poetry. Students will read and listen to a range of poems and create an imaginative poetry reconstruction. They will then present their poem or rhyme to their teacher/s and peers.

Unit 2 will allow students to explore texts to analyse how stories convey a message about issues that relate to families and friends. Students will write an imaginative retell about a character from a book.

STREAMING

During the year, Year 2 students will be placed into groups for reading over a double classroom. This program is designed to assist in each child’s individual development within these crucial areas of the curriculum.

MATHEMATICS

This term, children will apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations. Children will explore numbers to 100, solve simple problems, number, place value, counting patterns, addition, subtraction, arrays in multiplication, sharing in division, units of measurement, days of the week, months and seasons of the year, how to use a calendar and chance and data.

GEOGRAPHY

2015 sees the second year of Geography in the National Curriculum. Students will locate Australia within the world map, understand that each place has a location on the surface of the Earth which can be expressed using direction and location, develop questions about places, use a globe or a map to identify examples of places that are defined at different levels or scales, such as, personal scale (neighbourhood), local scale (town, rural area or city), regional, national or region of the world scale. They will use a globe, map or other geographical tool to locate and name the continents, oceans, equator and North and South poles, represent connections between places by constructing a map and using symbols and describe the location and direction of a place.
HISTORY

Term 1 students will examine changes in technology that have occurred over time to develop an understanding of the impact that technology has had on people’s lives.

TECHNOLOGY

This Semester, children will investigate a celebration and design their own decoration.

ART

This term students will be studying Visual Arts. They will be creating art pieces that investigate lines to suggest movement, direction and emotion. They will be using warm and cool colours and identifying and creating different types of texture to express feelings and ideas.

HOMEWORK

Official homework will start going home in Week 2 or 3. You will receive a letter in week 3 asking your homework preferences.

Home Reading

Remember reading is to be enjoyable, fun and a time for you to share with your child. Home readers will be taken home daily and returned the next day for changing.

Ideas for assisting your child at home when reading:

Find a place that is comfortable, relaxed and quiet for your child to read. Before reading the book, allow your child to look at the pictures on the front cover. Ask questions like “What do you think this book is about?” Your child may also like to look through the book before reading the story. Children gain meaning by looking at the pictures, reading the words and from identifying with events in the book. Ask your child questions relating to what, where, who, how and why – this will aide in improving your child’s comprehension skills.

Mathletics

Mathletics is a P-12 web-based Educational Program designed to motivate and enhance your child’s mathematical skills. The program is curriculum based and aligns with key learning outcomes. Your child will be given a user name and password which can be used to access www.mathletics.com at anytime.

CONTACTS

To contact your child’s teacher please either contact the office on (07) 3382 4333 and leave a message or make an appointment before or after school. The year 2 Teachers for 2015 are:

Mrs Samantha Allen and Mrs Melanie Welch 2WA
Mrs Sarah Charlton 2C
Mrs Louise Laffel 2L
Mrs Megan Rubach 2R
Mrs Nerissa Suman and Teigan Cross 2SC
Mr David McGuire 2M

Year 2 teachers are looking forward to an enjoyable and rewarding year!