

St Francis of Assisi Primary School

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Dear Parents of Year 2.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents. In Term 1 we will be covering the following topics:

English

The English curriculum is built around three interrelated strands of Language, Literature and Literacy. Together the strands focus on developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating. Students will listen to, read, view and interpret spoken, written and multimodal texts. They will make predictions and contribute actively to class discussions. The students will be studying George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl and will be working with texts to describe, inform and entertain. Students will create structured texts to entertain different audiences and demonstrate an understanding of grammar, expressive language use and accurate punctuation. Students will become more confident and accurate when spelling familiar words and apply a range of strategies to spell new words. They will learn effective editing skills to improve their written work and convey meaning. Each week every student will have time to share news. News can be prepared as part of the weekly homework contract. Some weeks will be free topic news sharing, other weeks there will be a specific focus which will be described in the homework contract.

Numeracy

Our major concepts this term are place value and number knowledge, addition and subtraction, 3 dimensional objects, comparing and ordering length and area, organising and displaying data. To assist with building their Number sense we will be setting weekly tasks using the Maths Online program for homework as of week 2. We would encourage you to take every opportunity to work on your child's ability to recall their addition and subtraction facts to twenty e.g. ask them simple addition and subtraction questions whilst you are doing everyday tasks like driving in the car, preparing dinner, washing up etc.

Science

That many everyday objects are made of materials that are mixtures. Mixtures have many uses. Some mixtures are created and some mixtures can be separated.

Religion

This term the children will be exploring their uniqueness and giftedness in the context of God's creation. They will be reminded about the importance and significance of Ash Wednesday and Lent leading up to Easter. Students will identify ways the community prepares for Easter, recall the events of Holy Week and express an understanding of prayer, reconciliation and good works as a part of the Catholic Church's season of Lent. You are most welcome to attend the Opening School Mass which will be held in the hall on **Wednesday 15th February** at 9.30 and the Ash Wednesday Mass on **Wednesday 1st March** in the hall at 9.30am. Parents are always most welcome to attend celebrations with us.

Humanities

The students will develop questions about technology then and now. They will present examples as part of their final task. During this unit students will compare technology today to that from the past. They will investigate how these changes have changed the way we live today.

Personal Development and Health

Students will learn about: elasticity/resiliency which we call "Bouncing back"; optimism and "Looking on the bright side"; social awareness – being friendly and relationship skills; recognising similarities and differences in individuals and groups, exploring how these are celebrated and respected; and we will also focus on 'Sunsafe' behaviours.

Physical Education

Sport is on each Wednesday and Friday. Children need to wear their sports uniforms on these days. Various sports will be covered over the year. This term we will be developing fitness and soccer skills and an understanding of the rules of the game.

Art

Students will develop a capacity to create, present and appreciate a range of art forms. In Visual Art, students will develop and refine their creative skills by exploring possibilities and experimenting with techniques and ideas. This unit is integrated with English, Religion, Science and History.

Reading at home

Please continue to read with your children each night. Year 2 continue to use levelled books in their reading at home book bags. The children will also select books which they are interested in reading from the library. Please note the book and write a comment on your child's reading skills and strategies in the

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homework book each night. 2 Water and 2 Fire have library on Thursday. 2 Earth have library on Friday.

Thank you to those families who have already sent in a box of tissues and a large packet of wet wipes for the class to share. If you have not done that yet we would appreciate those as soon as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children this year. If you would like to contact any of us, please make an appointment or leave a message through the front office and we will endeavour to get back to you promptly.

Regards,

Lisa Conroy, Annette Maruskanic, Madeline Holgate and Nikki Arcidiacono

