Year 2
2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a very exciting year. We are very excited to be working with your children; not only developing and enhancing life skills but providing them with motivating new learning experiences. Throughout 2013, we aim to help each student to maximise their full potential in a positive and engaging learning environment.

Please find the Term Overview (on the next page) explaining what topics will be taught this term.

We look forward to an engaging year of learning.

Kind Regards,

Lorette Sartor, Anne-Marie Thompson and Sarah Ellis

Year 2 Teachers
**REMINDERS:**

- **Punctuality** – The bell rings at 8:50am and lessons begin at **9:00am** each morning. If your child is late this not only constitutes absenteeism in our electronic rolls, but they are missing out on key information and learning.

- **Homework** – We will be sending home a weekly spelling list for children as well as other activities. Homework and readers need to be returned by Friday in order to be marked.

- **School Requisites** - Please ensure your child has their stationary items (books, pencils, glue, etc) clearly marked and replaced as required throughout the term by parents. Please ensure all uniform is too, especially hats, as they seem to disappear frequently. Our school policy of ‘No Hat, No Play’ is enforced at all times.

- **Meetings** – If you would like to meet with us about your child at any time during the year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make an appointment to do so. Please see the office to make an appointment.

- **Sport** – All children may wear sports uniform on Thursday and Friday. Parents will be notified in the newsletter if their child is to wear the uniform on a different day.

- **Uniform** – We all encourage all students to wear their uniform with pride.

- **Excursions** – St Patricks encourages all students to attend excursion. They are an important part of your child’s educational, social and emotional development and support the units studied in class.

- **Important Dates** - Please see the online calendar and newsletter for upcoming events.

- **Allergies** – Report all allergies to office.

- **Behaviour Management** – We practice the principles of Restorative Justice. We also use Class Dojo to encourage positive class behaviour. We expect each student to respect each other and each other’s right to learn. If students’ behaviour is unacceptable, parents will be notified.
TERM ONE OVERVIEW

Religion:

Reconciliation - Belonging to a forgiving Community

This unit explores human experiences of forgiving and being forgiven. It introduces students to the Sacrament of Penance where we celebrate our Reconciliation with God and one another.

Lent and Holy Week - New Beginnings

This unit focuses on the season of Lent and introduces Lenten practices of this season. The story of Zaccheus and the Widow’s offering explore the practices of beginning and giving. We also celebrate the events of Jesus’ life that are celebrated during Holy Week.

English:

The strands taught in English are Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing. These are integrated into all Key Learning Areas.

- **Talking & Listening**

  Students will have the opportunity to have conversations with their class members in small groups. Some weeks, the children will have a given topic to present, other given weeks, the students will be given free choice.

- **Reading**

  The students will be bringing Home Readers home on Monday. They will be expected to fill out a Reading Log. Please assist your child with their reading, around 10 minutes a loud each night.

  The children will be involved in Reading Groups and will be grouped according to ability.

- **Writing**

  This term, Stage 1 will be focusing on writing Recounts, Procedures and Narratives. The focus will be on writing these text types using the correct structure and language features.

- **Spelling**

  Students will be given a Spelling list based on the ‘Jolly Grammar’ programme. They will be expected to complete all tasks provided. A blend/ sound will be the focus for each week, and students will be involved in activities based on this sound during Literacy Group.
Mathematics
Children will be involved in Maths Groups, based on ability groups, each day. In these groups the children will be using ‘hands on’ activities, which will help to consolidate the basic number concepts
Students will engage the strands of Number, Measurement, Space and Geometry, Data and Patterns and Algebra.

Science/HSIE
This unit provides opportunities for students to explore transport systems in their local area. The unit focuses on the benefits and responsibilities of transport use.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Students will be given the opportunity to integrate technology into their everyday learning, across most Key Learning Areas specifically using iPads and smart Board. The whole class will be having computer lessons in the Library each week.

PE/HEALTH/PD
Students will have sport on Friday. Please ensure that your child is wearing their sports uniform. The sport focus this term is continuing developing the skills of athletics. These exercises are designed to increase strength, aerobic capacity and coordination. The ‘Bounce Back’ resilience program will be continued this term in class. The children will be learning about how to maintain friendships and learn greater skills in becoming more resilient during tough times.

Creative Arts
Students will be involved in art and craft activities that complement the integrated unit. These activities are aimed to develop fine motor skills and include such things as pasting, colouring and painting. Emphasis is placed on following directions, creativity and the use of a variety of media. Students will also be involved in everyday drama and music activities integrated across all KLA’s.

Italian
Signora Toranto will be taking the children for 45 minutes each week for Italian classes.

Library
Mrs Campbell will teach all Year 2 students on Monday for Library lessons focusing on Cyber Safety and Digital Literacy. Please ensure your child has their library bag to borrow books on this day.