

Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2!

We are so happy to have you and your family a part of the Year 2 community! Thank you for visiting the Year 2 Learning Space on Wednesday and being so positive and complimentary to the teachers about the Learning Space. It was greatly appreciated. A great year is planned, so read on to find out what is happening in Term 1.

Meet the team!

Our team for 2017 is very excited to be working in Year 2 this year.

2B... Mrs Amie Keown

2G... Miss Tasha King and Mrs Yvonne Davies

2R... Mrs Bronwyn Micallef

2W... Mrs Beonika Dumont

Learning Support... Mrs Yvonne Davies and Mrs Carol Sirry

Teacher Assistants... Mrs Leslee Summers, Mrs Jan Wedgwood, Mrs Antoinette Matery

Grade Leader... Mrs Yvonne Davies



Mrs Summers



Mrs Wedgwood



Mrs Matery



Mrs Davies



Mrs Sirry



Miss King



Mrs Micallef



Mrs Dumont



Mrs Keown

Our School Scripture Focus for 2018

The truth will set you free

John 8:32

What are we learning about this term?

Religious Education

Jesus Helps Me to Love

This unit leads students to understand and appreciate Jesus as the model for Christian living. Living according to Jesus' teaching and example is a means of deepening their experience of and relationship with God and with other people.

Lent: Being Alone

This unit focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent. It enables the students to look for, know and find God within themselves.

Our Easter unit is Easter Triduum: Never Alone

In this unit, students examine the prayerful aspect of Holy Week focusing on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God his Father about his feelings, fears and problems.

English

In English, we have a balanced Literacy block where all students participate in shared, guided and independent reading and writing. Our focus in reading will continue to be to improve reading accuracy and the development of comprehension skills and strategies. Students oral language is also being developed through the development of vocabulary. In writing, we focus on learning how to write informative, persuasive and imaginative texts.

Mathematics

Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAI) are in the process of being administered. Some were completed at the end of last year and the remaining ones will be completed in the next few weeks. These individual interviews give the teachers valuable information about what each student knows and allows teachers to plan what each learner needs to learn next.

Mathematical lessons will continue to be based around mathematical investigations that encourage the use of mental strategies and the ability to explain your thinking. It is more than memorisation of number facts and algorithms!

HSIE - History - The Past in the Present

In this unit student's will investigate the following key inquiry questions:

- What aspects of the past can you see today?
- How have changes in technology shaped our daily life?
- What aspects of the past can you see today?
- What do they tell us?
- What remains of the past are important to the local community? Why?

Science and Technology

Will be taught in Term 2 as Year 2 alternate Science and HSIE each term.

PDHPE – Interpersonal Relationships – Getting Along With Others

Interpersonal Relationships is concerned with developing an understanding of the nature of relationships. Students develop skills for building positive responsible relationships, and practise their application so that they can use them effectively in their lives.

Creative Arts

Students will investigate how different shapes and lines make up artworks and identify how artists use shapes and lines to create their artworks. They will use directional language such as horizontal, diagonal and vertical and the names of types of lines such as straight, curly, wavy, zig zag, and swirly. They will also identify common 2D shapes such as circles, rectangles, squares, diamonds, hearts, and stars in art works.

Important Reminders

Sports Uniform

2B & 2G Friday
2R & 2W Thursday

Library Borrowing

Every Tuesday – don't forget your library bag. Please return your books before school in the tub located outside the Resource Centre door.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Has your child signed up for the Premier's Reading Challenge? Notes were sent home in Week 1. It's not too late! All students who complete the challenge receive a certificate. You have until August to complete the challenge.

Homework

Your child is expected to read their home reader for 15 minutes every night. They also need to complete the weekly activities. If you are having difficulty with any aspect of homework, please write a note to the class teacher or request an appointment.

Arrival to School - Punctuality

It is critical that all students are on time to school each morning. Being late means valuable learning time is lost. Be here before 8:25am. Supervision in the playground begins at 8:10am.

Attendance

EVERY CHILD, EVERYDAY!!! (Unless truly sick)

Absent Notes

If your child is away from school for any reason, a note of explanation is required, by law, on your child's return to school. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If your child is away for more than 1 day, please ring the office.

Belongings

Is your child's name on all their belongings? PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Birthdays

We love celebrating with the students on their birthday. If your child is bringing something to share, it needs to be in individual serves. Cupcakes or donuts are ideal. No party bags. Please remember that NO NUT PRODUCTS of any kind including Nutella are permitted at school.

Need to talk to the teacher?

All teachers are available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have. Unfortunately this cannot happen when the school day starts as the teacher is busy right from the start of the day. Please make an appointment time to meet. You can do this by writing a note to your child's class teacher or phoning the office to leave a message. The teacher will then arrange a suitable time to meet with you.

School Banking

School banking day is Wednesday. See the office for details if you would like to begin school banking with your child.

Canteen

Lunch orders are to be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. You can order online too. Need more information about ordering online? Online ordering details and the canteen menu is on our website or can be downloaded from the Skoolbag app.

Uniform

The wearing of correct uniform and hairstyles encourages pride in our school. Please support our school by adhering to uniform regulations. See website for details. Boys wearing the new uniform must wear BLACK fold down socks and girls must wear white fold down socks. Anklet socks are not permitted. All sports shoes should be PREDOMINANTLY WHITE.

Book Covering

Books were sent home for covering in Week 1 on Friday. If you were unable to get them covered please send in a note to let us know when we can send them home again for you to cover. All books should be covered in CLEAR CONTACT.

Stay Informed About School Events

For the latest news, photos and weekly newsletter, visit the school website at <http://www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au/home>

Better still have the Newsletter emailed directly to your inbox.

Do you have the Good Shepherd Skoolbag app for your phone? Go to the app store and download it for free. Keep up to date with the latest news.

How can I help my child to learn?

We all want to help our child to reach their potential. The best help you can give your child apart from doing homework, learning to read or doing 'maths' is:

- ✓ Make sure your child gets enough sleep each night. Bed time should ensure they the required number of hours of sleep. Encourage a good bedtime routine.
- ✓ Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast each morning. Breakfast is critical for learning success.
- ✓ Pack healthy snacks such as fruit for recess.
- ✓ Provide your child with water for drinking throughout the day.
- ✓ Talk to your child everyday about anything!
- ✓ Read to them...in any language!

A tired and hungry student will find it more difficult to learn!

Important Dates for your Calendar

Week 3 Parent Teacher Meetings. Have you booked?

23rd February... Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

4th – 10th March...Catholic Schools Week

4th March...Good Shepherd Open Day...10am – 1pm

7th March...Catholic Schools Week Liturgy...9-10am

28th March...Holy Week Liturgy...9-10am

30th March...Good Friday (Public Holiday)

2nd April...Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

4th April...Easter Liturgy...9-10am

13th April...Good Shepherd Day