Year 2 Learning Overview

RELIGION
This term we have two units.

'Jesus Helps Me to Love'

We will learn about:
- How Jesus is a model for Christian living.
- How to live according to Jesus’ teaching and example
- Deepening our experience of a relationship with God and with other people.

'Being Alone/Never Alone'

We will learn about:
- the prayerful aspect of Lent
- finding God within themselves
- times of being alone and reflection
- prayer as a means of preparing to celebrate Easter
- Lent as a particular time for repentance

ENGLISH
We will undertake our literacy block which incorporates the following daily components:
- Purposeful talk
- Reading aloud to students
- Modelled/Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Independent Writing
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In Writing, our main focus for the next 5 weeks is on Persuasive texts.
Students will develop their ability to use emotive language to persuade their readers. The second half of this term will focus on Informative texts, integrating this writing with our HSIE unit of Transport and Transport Systems.

Students will also continue to work in Reading Groups each day. Spelling, grammar, punctuation and handwriting will be taught both explicitly and contextually through daily reading and writing activities in all Key Learning Areas. Students are encouraged to reinforce the above skills and strategies through consistent nightly reading practice.

Reading at home is a vital component of the reading program. Please ensure your child returns their reading folder on their designated day each week.

Dates for your diary...

WEEK 3
Tuesday 10th February
6-7pm Year 2 Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 17th February
9.15am Opening School Mass

WEEK 4
Friday 20th February
5:30-9:30pm P&F Family Night

WEEK 6
Cybersmart Day and Presentations

WEEK 7
Catholic Schools Week

WEEK 10
Thursday 2nd April
Last Day of Term
**MATHS**

This term students will focus on further development of their number skills through daily warm ups. This involves mental computation and working on number recall activities. Students will continue exploring mathematical concepts through open-ended investigations and rich tasks. Some of the topics we will be learning about this term are:

**Whole Number:**

**Multiplication and Division:** uses a range of mental strategies and concrete materials for multiplication and division.

**Fractions and Decimals:** represents and models halves, quarters and eighths

**2D Shapes:** explores two-dimensional shapes, including quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons and octagons

We will continue to develop the students recall of the number facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables this term and encourage students to continue revising these at home.

We encourage students to revise their skip counting by 2, 3, 5 and 10 at home. We will be introducing 2, 5 and 10 number facts during the year. Please refer to the homework policy for information on strategies and links to great apps and websites featuring number skills.

**HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT**

Our Human Society and Its Environment unit this term is:

‘How do transport systems affect us and the environment?’

This unit explores how our transport systems work. It focuses on both the positive and negative impacts of transport systems on people and the environment. It will also address our responsibility in using transport safely.

Students engage in inquiry learning experiences where they investigate what transport is, what makes up a transport system, how transport causes problems for people and the environment and how we can use transport responsibly.

Students will visit the Powerhouse Museum as a stimulus for their learning.

**CREATIVE ARTS**

Dancing, singing and drama will be integrated throughout the term.

Visual Arts will be related to our Science, English and Religion units. Students will create various visual artworks using different techniques such as painting, sketching and craft activities.

Students will continue to participate in weekly Music lessons with Mrs McGregor.

**PDHPE**

We will be exploring the themes around ‘Getting Along with Others’.

Students will learn about the strategies needed to deal with a variety of situations and how they can develop positive relationships and communication with their family, friends and others.

This term, students will participate in our Dance program run by Dance Fever instructors. Each Monday students will be guided through a range of dance sequences and developing basic movement skills.

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**Other Notices & Reminders...**

Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear each day. We also encourage students to bring a water bottle to school. Students will continue to bring their note folders to school DAILY.

Please note that before and after school is valuable time for teachers to plan, prepare and meet with each other. Should you need to inform teachers of anything, please write a note and place it in your child’s note folder, which they can then give to their teacher. If the matter is urgent, please speak to the office and they can let us know.

**What’s happening each week...**

**MONDAY**
- Morning Assembly
- Sports uniform
- Library (afternoon)

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**
- Music with Mrs McGregor
- Japanese with Mrs Schafer

**THURSDAY**
- Sports uniform