

Y E A R T W O 2 0 1 8

Grade Overview



Welcome back Year 2!

Welcome back to Year Two. Your teachers are Mrs Orlando in 2Gold and Mrs Cerniauskas/Mrs Hale in 2Blue. We had a very busy Term Two and are delighted to be able to share some of our experiences with you in our photographs. We all enjoyed our excursion to Warragamba Dam. The Athletics Carnival gave yet another opportunity for the students to have fun and be active. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child, in an environment that continues to promote quality education whilst strongly upholding our Mercy and Carmelite values and traditions.



Save the Date!

Library

Library Borrowing is every Thursday. Don't forget your library bag.

Sport

Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework

Homework folders are to be returned every Friday. Reading books are to be brought to school every day.

Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.



Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Reconciliation: Belonging To a Forgiving Community. This unit explores the experience of forgiveness. It introduces the students to the Sacrament of Penance where they will learn to pray the Act of Contrition.

Our second topic for the term is the Eucharist: Celebrating God's love. The children will explore the significance of celebrating with a special meal. They will learn about the Last Supper and its significance in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Throughout the term we will have many opportunities to pray formal and informal prayers.

English

Year 2 were able to complete the Premiers' Reading Challenge in Term 2. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading, with a focus on comprehension. During writing this term, we will be focusing on informative texts, looking at the many ways that we can inform people on a range of topics using diagrams, flow charts and writing. There will be an emphasis on sentence structure, labels, captions and precise language.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term we will be continuing to focus on efficient counting strategies and effective mental strategies for addition and subtraction as well as applying problem solving skills to multiplication and division. Exploring 2D and 3D shapes, the language of position and measuring area will also be a focus this term.



Science and Technology

In Science and Technology this term we will be focusing on the theme of change. Students will explore the properties of materials that help us to cope with changes in the seasons and how this affects the choices we make in everyday materials for particular purposes. We will also look at the way materials change through combining and mixing.



History & Geography

These subjects are covered in Terms 1 & 4

Creative Arts

Our Visual Art lessons will focus on the theme 'Under the Sea'. The children will be examining artworks by Claude Monet. They will then use a variety of techniques and materials to create pieces of work that will combine to produce a major artwork reflecting the theme. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Laus on Wednesdays.



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on how our bodies grow and change and what factors affect our health.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Nick Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.



General Information

Our sport days will be Wednesday and Thursday.

Guided reading books will be brought home everyday for the children to practise their reading. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are **kept safe** and **returned** to school each day for the student's lessons.

