

YEAR TWO 2018

# Grade Overview



## Welcome back to Term 4 Year 2!

Welcome back to Term Four, Year Two. Your teachers are Mrs Cerniauskas/Mrs Massey-Hale in 2Blue and Mrs Orlando in 2Gold.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child, in a community that is safe and respectful, 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 books are to be returned every Friday. Guided Reading folders and books need to be in 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 Mission. In this unit, students relate their experience of the loving actions of family members and others to the example of Jesus through a study of “Jesus and the Blind Beggar” and “Jesus and Zacchaeus.”

Our second topic for the term is Advent: Waiting For Jesus. Students will relate their experiences of waiting with biblical accounts of how Mary, Joseph and others waited for the birth of Jesus.

Our final unit for the year is Christmas: Waiting Is Over. Students will participate in activities which reinforce the true meaning of Christmas as a time of happiness and a time to spread and receive God’s love, peace and joy.



## English

We encourage the children to read at home every night as a priority to practise reading, with a focus on comprehension. Writing this term will continue to focus on sentence structure and basic punctuation in relation to imaginative texts. We will be naming and teaching specific comprehension strategies during reading – predicting, sequencing, making connections and identifying the main idea.

**Mathematics** this term we will be continuing to focus on efficient addition and subtraction strategies, relating these to the real life concept of money and individual counting goals. We will also be working on recognising fractions and finding a fraction of an amount. Children will be exploring the concept of measurement in Volume and Capacity and Chance.



## Science and Technology

The Science and Technology units for Year Two have been covered in Terms 1-3. Our “Changes” unit in Term 3 gave students the opportunity to participate in a range of hands-on science activities in order to discover basic scientific principles. They learnt how to hypothesise and predict in a scientific environment.



## History

This term we will be exploring an element of the new History syllabus. In the unit “Our Families: Past and Present” students will identify change and continuity in family and daily life using appropriate historical terms. They will pose and answer questions about the past using a range of visual, oral and physical resources. The unit will include an excursion to Rouse Hill Farm’s ‘Early To Rise’ and “Lessons From The Past” programs where the students will have the opportunity to experience life in the past.

## Creative Arts

Our Visual Art lessons will revolve around two themes; clowns and Christmas. Students will experiment with a range of media including crayon, paint, pastels and craft materials to produce their artworks. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Laus on Wednesdays.



## Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Our Personal Development and Health unit “Protecting Me” focuses on recognising safe and unsafe environments and situations. The children will learn that their safety depends on their own and others’ behaviour.

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 are Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework is given weekly on Fridays.

It is very important that each child has their own stationery supplies each day at school. This includes grey lead pencils, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils and glue stick. Please label with your child's name. When each child has their own supplies valuable learning time is being maximised.

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 children's lessons.

The school **Swimming Program** will be held in Weeks 8 and 9 (3rd Dec – 14th Dec). Further information will be provided as the date draws closer.

Year Two will attend an excursion to Rouse Hill Farm on Monday October 29th.