

Year 2 Term 1 Newsletter

13th of February 2023

Dear Year 2 Families and Caregivers,

Our 2025 school year has commenced! Students have arrived settled, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

This newsletter aims to provide you with some insight into our Grade 2 areas of focus this term, across our academic subjects.

We appreciate all that you do to support your child's social and academic progress at home.

Kind Regards,

The Year 2 Team

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Term 1 29th January - 4th April

Term 2 22nd April - 4th July

Term 3 21st July - 19th September

Term 4 6th October - 19th December

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Reminders

School Start Time

Please ensure all students arrive to school promptly to begin their learning for the day. School gates open at **8:30 am** each day and classroom doors open at **8:40am** to allow students to commence morning routines. Classes commence at **8:50am**. Students who arrive after **8:50am** will be marked as late.

Student Absences

We understand that due to illness and other extenuating circumstances, students will be absent from school. If this is the case, please notify the school (03) 7301 7000 or note the absence on Compass.

Take Home Reading

Students are to read their take home readers each night and record this in their reading log. If your child has not brought home a book, they are encouraged to read a book from home. This is a home learning expectation of all students. Teachers will be monitoring take home reading progress throughout the term.

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English

Reading, Writing & Phonics

Reading & Writing

Students will learn to use reading comprehension strategies such as analysing, visualising, making connections, inferring and summarising. We will also look at improving fluency by revisiting punctuation and its function, as well as engaging in daily take home reading and weekly guided reading groups.

Furthermore, students will focus English grammar and punctuation when writing. We will look at 2 kinds of sentence structures: simple and compound. Students will then have the opportunity to apply this knowledge to their writing tasks when we explore the personal narrative genre in the second half of the term.

Phonics

Each morning students will participate in structured, explicit teaching around important phonics concepts. This involves a daily review of letter sounds, handwriting and reading and writing of specific spelling patterns. This term we are focusing on setting up strong routines in this area and exploring syllables and their common spelling patterns.



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Mathematics

Number

This term, year 2 students will be learning about the place value of numbers up to 1000. They will learn to identify, represent and order numbers by using some concrete materials. They will also apply knowledge of place value to partition, rearrange and rename two and three-digit numbers.

Algebra

In this strand, students will learn how to use mathematical modelling to solve additive and multiplicative problems, including money transactions.

Students will also be able to describe and continue patterns that increase and decrease additively.

Measurement

In this strand, students will work on length and shape. They will use informal units to measure and compare shapes and objects.



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Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic this term is **Culture: What's My Family's Story?** Students have already completed a show and tell of a cultural artefact, and it has been wonderful to hear students confidently present to their class. We will continue learning about one another's cultures through a variety of activities, such as generating a class cookbook and reading texts that celebrate cultures from around the world.

RRRR

Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships

This term, RRRR lessons will focus on setting up school and classroom routines and expectations. We will also be covering the topic of Emotional Literacy, which involves naming emotions in themselves and others.

Important Dates

Friday 7th of March - Curriculum Day (Student Free)

Monday 10th of March - Labour Day Public Holiday (Student Free)

Monday 17th of March - Friday 21st of March - Harmony Week

