15th April 2016

Dear Grade 2 Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a wonderful break with your families over the Easter holiday period and did not indulge too much in that wonderful food called, ‘chocolate’. Firstly, all Grade 2 teachers would like to say, ‘thank you’ so much for your support, time, care and assistance over Term 1. Without your assistance much could not be achieved. We thank parents that assisted in the classroom, with reading, with special events, and those that volunteered their time for the school community in some way.

Term 2, like most terms will be busy and long, so a few reminders that will assist teachers, parents and students alike:

- Please encourage your children to be responsible with returning their take home reading books.
- Please encourage your children to use their green pouch and bring it to school daily with the required tools inside (take home books, school diary, any additional letters and information that needs to transition between school and home).
- Please read the school newsletter ‘Contact’ weekly, so you keep up with what is going on. If you are not receiving the ‘Contact’ please go to the office and fill in the slip, so it can be emailed to your correct email address.
- Please encourage your child to complete their daily spelling, reading, and maths homework or any additional work given to them by their teachers.
- Please remember to send a note to the teacher or via email if your child is leaving early, or is late to school or is absent for the entire day; as this is a school and government requirement. (Please do not write the note in their diaries).
- Please encourage your child to be independent and responsible for unpacking and completing the morning school routine.
- Finally, encourage your children to be the best they can be, in all that they do!

Important School Dates and up and coming Events:
Please find below a comprehensive list of school dates. This term we have School Sports Day on the Friday the 29th April, Grade 2 Red Pentecost Liturgy on the 13th May, Grade 2 Blue ANZAC Day Liturgy on the 22nd April, and 2 Green will be presenting The Refugee Liturgy on the 24th June. Also there is the Mid Year Interviews on the 20th and the 23rd of June.

Uniform:
As we move into Term 2, uniform is now the school winter uniform. Boys: brown pants, yellow school polo/t-shirt, school jumper, brown socks, black school shoes. Girls: brown pants or school tunic, yellow school polo/t-shirt, school jumper, brown socks or tights, and black school shoes. Sports Uniform (boy & girl) brown track pants, school jumper.
runners/sneakers, white socks, and school polo/t-shirt. *Please ensure students are not wearing jewellery or hair ties that are not in line with school requirements, this includes no nail polish. Finally, please ensure all shoulder length hair is tied up and pinned off the face to avoid the spread of lice, and that students do not wear sports shoes to school unless it is their allocated sports day, or they have a note due to unexpected circumstances.

**During Term 2 we will be covering the following units of work:**

In Mathematics, we will be continuing to focus on all areas of Number, such as place value, number identification, counting sequences and algebra. This will be in conjunction with the topics of Money, 2D and 3D shape and measurement.

*Please don’t forget to remind your children to use Mathletics to support and develop their mathematical skills that they are learning and using in the classroom. This is an important component of student learning and often teachers will assign special tasks to assist your students learning and development of a topic area. Additionally, students will be sent home their 'Math’s Tool Kit' with a weekly activity which will also support what they are learning in class.

Our investigation topic and question under review for Term 2 is, 'How does Science help us care for God’s Creations?' The investigation will cover the four science areas of Chemical, Earth/Space, Biological and Physics; these will be approached with a sustainability lense. Our Religious Education unit is linked to our investigation unit. However, we will firstly complete our journey of Easter, through the celebration of Alleluia Day. Then we will move onto learning about God’s Creations and how we need to care for them.

*This term the remaining Grade 2 classes will be presenting a liturgy. 2 Blue will be presenting ANZAC Day Liturgy on the 22nd April, Grade 2 Red will be presenting the Pentecost Liturgy on the 13th May and 2 Green will be presenting The Refugee Liturgy on the 24th June.

In Literacy, students will continue to focus on letter formation and legibility in handwriting. Spelling will continue with the SMART spelling approach as in Term 1. The Grammar and Punctuation focus will be on verbs, adjectives, prefixes, suffixes, exclamation marks, talking marks, commas, compound words, and synonyms and antonyms. Reading will be focused on all areas of comprehension within the genres of reports and instructional texts, this is also linked to students writing genres.

*All students in Grade 2 have a ‘take home book’ from the take home book library. These books have allocated based upon your students decoding and most importantly their comprehension skills. These ‘take books’ are best read with an adult, as the adult is able to have discussions and ask their child questions about what they are reading. However, we encourage students to read outside of these books as well.

Finally, homework for this term will be centred around students’ weekly spelling activities, reading their ‘Take Home Book’, and completing a maths activity from their ‘Maths Toolkit’. Students are expected to complete each of the week’s spelling tasks, read their ‘Take Home Books’, and complete the set maths activity. Homework is not optional but compulsory, as outlined in the Student School Handbook. All homework is due on Friday morning. However,
we are well aware of time factors in family lives and if you have any concerns about homework please see your child’s classroom teacher.

**Student’s Term 2 Specialist Timetable**

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| **Grade 2 Green** (Mr. Daniel Bau) |                |           | Library  
              Japanese  
              Music  
              Art  
              PE-by teacher |
| **Grade 2 Blue** (Mrs. Mary Reilly) | Library  
                Japanese | Music  
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                PE |
| **Grade 2 Yellow** (Mr. Andrew Johnston) | Japanese  
                | Art  
                PE  
                Library  
                Music-by the teacher |
| **Grade 2 Red** (Mrs. Janine Boer) | Japanese  
                | Library  
                Music  
                PE  
                Art-by the teacher |

**Most importantly:** The key to creating an effective home-school relationship is communication. Parents please ensure that if you have any concerns that you speak to or email your classroom teacher. However, if it is a matter that needs greater attention than a few minutes before or after school, it is best to make an appointment with the teacher.

**Teacher emails:**
- Janine Boer jboer@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au
- Mary Reilly maryr@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au
- Daniel Bau dbau@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au
- Andrew Johnston ajohnston@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au

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We are looking forward to working with you and your children over the year.

Regards

Janine Boer (2 Red), Mary Reilly (2 Blue), Daniel Bau (2 Green), and Andrew Johnston (2 Yellow)
TERM 2 CALENDAR

**APRIL**

- **Sat. 9th/Sun 10th**: Eucharist Commitment – All Masses
- **Wed. 13th – Fri. 15th**: Year 5 Camp
- **Wednesday 13th**: Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm
- **Friday 15th**: Alleluia Day Liturgy 11.30am (1 Green)
- **Friday 15th**: Level Term Letters sent home
- **Sat. 16th/Sun 17th**: Eucharist Commitment – All Masses
- **Wednesday 20th**: Eucharist Parent Session (1) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Friday 22nd**: ANZAC Day Liturgy 11.30am (2 Blue)
- **Monday 25th**: ANZAC Day
- **Wednesday 27th**: Eucharist Parent Session (2) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 27th**: Advisory Board Meeting 7.30pm
- **Friday 29th**: Years 1 – 6 School Sports

**MAY**

- **Mon. 2nd – Fri. 6th**: Catholic Care Family Week
- **Monday 2nd**: Assembly /Liturgy 2.30pm (4R)
- **Wednesday 4th**: Eucharist Parent Session (3) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 4th**: Parents’ Association Meeting 7pm
- **Thursday 5th**: Mother’s Day Stall
- **Friday 6th**: Anointing Mass 9.15am
- **Sunday 8th**: Mother’s Day
- **Monday 9th**: Prep 2017 Information Night 7.00pm
- **Tues 10th – Thurs. 12th**: NAPLAN Testing
- **Wednesday 11th**: Eucharist Parent Session (4) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 11th**: Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm
- **Friday 13th**: Pentecost Liturgy 11.30am (2R)
- **Saturday 14th**: Working Bee 9-12 midday
- **Sunday 15th**: Feast of the Pentecost
- **Monday 16th**: International Family Week
- **Monday 16th**: Education Week
- **Tuesday 17th**: Prep 2017 Information Night 7.00pm
- **Wednesday 18th**: Eucharist Parent Session (5) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Mon. 18th/Fri. 22nd**: Education Week
- **Sunday 22nd**: Trinity Sunday
- **Wednesday 25th**: Prep 2017 Open Day, School Tours by School Leaders 11.30am to 12.30pm
- **Wednesday 25th**: Eucharist Reflection Evening (1) 6.30pm
- **Thursday 26th**: Feast of Corpus Christi
- **Thursday 26th**: National Sorry Day
- **Sunday 29th**: First Communion Masses 2pm & 4pm
- **Monday 30th**: National Reconciliation Week

**JUNE**

- **Wednesday 1st**: Eucharist Reflection Evening (2) 6.30pm
- **Wednesday 1st**: Parents’ Association Meeting 7pm
- **Thursday 2nd**: Prep 2017 Open Day, School Tours by School Leaders 11.30am to 12.30pm
- **Friday 3rd**: Anointing Mass 9.15am
- **Friday 3rd**: Feast of the Sacred Heart / Poor man’s Mass 11.30am (6R)
- **Saturday 4th**: First Communion Masses 2pm & 4pm
- **Sunday 5th**: World Environment Day
- **Monday 6th**: School Assembly 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 8th**: Parish Pastoral Council
- **Friday 10th**: Professional Development Day – No school
- **Monday 13th**: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – No school
- **Thursday 16th**: Prep Camp Day
- **Friday 17th**: School Reports sent home
- **Friday 17th**: Closing date for Prep 2017 Enrolments
- **Monday 20th**: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Thursday 23rd**: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 24th**: End of Term Liturgy 11.30am (2G)
- **Friday 26th**: End of Term 2 – Dismissal 1.15pm
- **Friday 26th**: Red Nose Day
- **Sat 25th /Sun. 26th**: Confirmation Commitment Masses
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