Dear Year 2 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone had time to have a break and relax with their families, and you avoided the many winter bugs lurking about. Term 3, like many terms will be jam-packed, especially with the school’s Curriculum Night towards the end of the term. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who attended the parent teacher interviews: this is an important part of the parent-school relationship.

Things to remember:
- We encourage you to keep your child home if they are unwell, as this stops bugs from spreading to other students and teachers.
- Please encourage your child to be responsible for their green pouch, maths tool kit and homework; and bringing it to school EVERY DAY!
- Ensure you send a note or an email if your child is absent or leaving early etc.
- Please ensure students are wearing the correct winter uniform, as set out in the school handbook.
- Encourage your child to complete their spelling, reading and mathematics homework on a daily basis.
- Continue to develop independence in your child, such as coming into class on their own, unpacking their own bags, and being responsible for putting items into the tub etc. This is an important learning journey for students, especially as they head towards middle school.

Important School Dates and up and coming Events:
Please find below a list of school dates and special events. Special events this term include the School Curriculum night, which is held in Week 10 on the 13th of September.

**During Term 3 we will be covering the following units of work:**

**Mathematics:**
In Mathematics, we will be focusing on the curriculum areas of: Fractions, Addition, Subtraction and Location. Please encourage your child to use Mathletics to support and develop skills that they are learning and using in the classroom. Additionally, students will be sent home maths homework in the form of an activity which will relate to previous curriculum covered and or curriculum being covered. This is expected to be stuck into their homework books or placed into homework folders, completed and handed in on Fridays along with their spelling homework.
Inquiry:
The Term 3 Inquiry topic is centred around the preparation for the curriculum night theme of Religion, Literacy and Social Justice. Students in Year 2 will look at four main areas of Catholic Social Teachings: The Common Good, Solidarity, Subsidiarity and Participation. Students will engage in a week of theory and a week of practical activities in relation to each area. (Please look out for notes coming home where children will need to prepare items for lessons). These lessons will be linked to Bible stories, and real life situations and stories for a greater understanding of the need for social justice among our world and its people and local communities.

Spelling, Reading and Writing:
In the area of Spelling, students will continue to learn various spelling strategies as outlined in the whole school SMART spelling program. In Writing, handwriting will continue to be a focus, especially correct letter formation and placement on lines. Furthermore, students will continue to develop and be exposed to skills relating to reading and writing various expository texts and different forms of poetry. This will also be carefully linked to the class reading program which provides students with a holistic approach to grasping the specific elements of each genre. Finally, there will be a continual emphasis on developing students comprehension levels across different genres.

Religious Education:
In RE, the focus will be on exploring and understanding the concepts of Confirmation, through the lives of the Saints. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by our Year 6 grades during the term. We will also explore the special vestments and sacred vessels. Once again RE will be linked to our Inquiry unit and will centre around the area of Social Justice and Catholic Social Teachings.

Homework:
When your child has completed his/her reading for the day could parents please ensure that this is recorded in your child’s, ‘Yellow’ Take Home Reader book. This is how teachers monitor your child’s reading homework progress. Parents may also record students reading of books from Raz Kids into the ‘Yellow’ Book which can also form part of their weekly reading homework.

Nude Food Lunch
Don’t forget to send a Nude Food lunch box on Thursday. That means no wrappers in lunch boxes!!! Wrappers that do come to school will be collected and tallied each Thursday throughout the term. The class with the least wrappers at the end of the term will win a prize.
**Home Reading**

Being read to, reading with a more skilled reader and having regular independent reading time, greatly improves your child’s reading skills. There can also be great benefit to comprehension and spelling skills. It is important that your child reads regularly with you at home. Reading material could include home readers, re-reading favourite stories, newspapers, magazines, e-books and information on the internet. Set a time each day for reading, that is free of interruptions. Talk to your child about what you read, helping them to make sense of the text. You may also like to ask your child questions about the book. Most importantly, enjoy the special time that you spend reading together.

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**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 send an email to 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:**
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Regards Grade 2 Team
Janine Boer Daniel Bau Andrew Johnston Mary Reilly
Sick of your child complaining they are bored and wanting to limit their screen time!!!

**Well here is a list of activities your child can do before they have screen time:

Have You:
- Made your bed
- Had your breakfast or lunch
- Dressed yourself
- Brushed your teeth
- Brushed your hair

Next complete the following activities:
- 20 minutes of reading
- 20 minutes of writing or colouring (write a letter to grandparent, teacher, friend etc)
- Clean up 1 room in the house (TV room/bedroom/lounge)
- Play outside for 30 minutes
- Make or build something creative (lego, craft, play dough etc)
- Helped someone in the family (eg ask if there is a job you can do, if you can't think of something yourself).

Now you can watch TV or play on the iPad
## TERM 3 CALENDAR

### JULY

- **Wednesday 13th**: Girls Foooty All day  
- **Wednesday 13th**: Parent Confirmation Program (1) 2pm or 7.30pm  
- **Thursday 14th**: Year 6 Excursion to Maroondah Dam  
- **Monday 18th**: Division Footy Finals  
- **Tuesday 19th**: Mixed Netball Finals 11.30am  
- **Wednesday 20th**: Parent Confirmation Program (2) 2pm or 7.30pm  
- **Friday 22nd**: Classroom Helpers Program 9am in School Library  
- **Friday 22nd**: Feast of Anne & Joachim, Grandparents Day 11.30am (1R)  
- **Monday 25th**: National Literacy & Numeracy Week  
- **Tuesday 26th**: Rotary Speech Contest  
- **Tuesday 26th**: Feast of Anne & Joachim  
- **Wednesday 27th**: Kidsview Social Justice Conference  
- **Wednesday 27th**: Parent Confirmation Program (3) 2pm or 7.30pm  
- **Wednesday 27th**: School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm  
- **Friday 29th**: Australian Maths Competition for Years 3 – 6, 9am in school library  
- **Friday 29th**: Prep 100 days of school Celebration (Prep R)

### AUGUST

- **Monday 1st**: Assembly / Liturgy 2.30pm (Prep B)  
- **Monday 1st**: Division Soccer Finals  
- **Tuesday 2nd**: Advisory Board Meeting 7pm  
- **Tuesday 2nd**: Confirmation Reflection Day 1 - Salesian Retreat  
- **Wednesday 3rd**: Parent Confirmation Program (4) 2pm or 7.30pm  
- **Wednesday 3rd**: Parents’ Association Meeting 7pm - Salesian Retreat  
- **Thursday 4th**: Confirmation Reflection Day 2  
- **Friday 5th**: Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am  
- **Friday 5th**: School Athletics  
- **Friday 5th**: Olympic Games start  
- **Saturday 6th**: Feast of the Transfiguration  
- **Monday 8th**: Feast of Mary McKillop  
- **Monday 8th**: Division Netball Finals  
- **Wednesday 10th**: Family Penitential Liturgy 7.30pm  
- **Wednesday 10th**: Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm  
- **Sat 13th / Sun 14th**: Confirmation Masses 2 & 4pm on both days  
- **Monday 15th**: National Science Week  
- **Monday 15th**: Assumption Mass 11.30am (4B)  
- **Wednesday 17th**: Grade 6 Graduation Meeting 2.30pm  
- **Wednesday 17th**: Parents Association Meeting 7pm  
- **Friday 19th**: District Athletics Day  
- **Monday 22nd**: Professional Development Day – No school  
- **Sunday 21st**: Olympic Games end  
- **Tuesday 23rd**: School Nurse begins visit  
- **Wednesday 24th**: Advisory Board Meeting 7pm

### SEPTEMBER

- **Thursday 1st**: Father’s Day Stall  
- **Friday 2nd**: Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am  
- **Sunday 4th**: Father’s Day  
- **Monday 5th**: School Assembly Father’s Day 2.30pm (3B)  
- **Wednesday 7th**: Para Olympics Start  
- **Wednesday 7th**: Year 1 Prayer Night 6.30pm  
- **Wednesday 7th**: Advisory Board Meeting 7pm  
- **Thursday 8th**: International Literacy Day  
- **Friday 9th**: District Summer Sports  
- **Friday 9th**: Junior Hootime  
- **Tuesday 13th**: Curriculum Night 6.30pm – 8pm  
- **Wednesday 14th**: Parish Team Meeting  
- **Friday 16th**: End of Term 3 Liturgy 11.30am (5R)  
- **Friday 16th**: Term 3 ends early dismissal 1.15pm  
- **Sunday 18th**: Para Olympics end

### OCTOBER

- **Saturday 1st**: AFL Grand Final  
- **Sunday 2nd**: Daylight Savings begins  
- **Monday 3rd**: Term 4 begins  
- **Monday 3rd**: Assembly 2.30pm