Dear Year 2 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4 and the last of the Grade 2 term newsletters for the year. We hope everyone had time to have a break and relax with their families. Term 4 like many terms will be jam-packed, so get your skates on now, as we prepare for end of year celebrations, two weeks of swimming and final assessments for reports. Thank you to all parents, family members and students who attended the Curriculum Night, we hope you enjoyed the hard work your children put in. Finally, Grade 2 teachers would like to take this time to thank all parents for their support over the year! Without you our classes could not do what they do!

Things to remember:
- HATS, HATS, HATS, all children need to wear a St Simon’s School hat this term!!!
- 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 and homework; and bringing them to school EVERYDAY! (This is good practise for Grade 3).
- Ensure you send a note or an email if your child is absent or leaving early, please do not just write it in the student diary.
- Please ensure students are wearing the correct summer uniform, as set out in the school handbook, with exception to the first week changeover period.
- Encourage your child to complete their spelling homework; and we encourage you, as parents, to listen to your child read daily and engage in the weekly maths task sent home.
- Talk to your child about swimming and looking after their belongings. If they do not know how to get dressed and undressed, including taking on and off shoes, please begin to practise this before swimming begins.

Important School Dates and up and coming Events:
Please find below a list of school dates and special events, especially take note of swimming lesson dates, the excursion to Coal Creek (Monday 10th October) and the Grade 2 Outdoor Camp Day, all of which will be upon us before we know it. See Term Dates below for more information.

Reminder Coal Creek: Don’t forget Grade 2s are going to Coal Creek on Monday the 10th October. Students need to be at school by 8.10 at the latest, as the bus is leaving the school at 8.30 sharp!

During Term 4 we will be covering the following units of work:
Mathematics:
In Mathematics, we will continue to review previous terms’ concepts, which is completed in the maths tool session, and is given as part of students maths homework. The focus for this term will be on multiplication and division, including their relationship with each other. We then move onto the concepts of time, which include telling the time using an analogue and digital clock to the quarter hour. We will also cover, seasons of the year, months of the year, days of the week, and sequencing events.

SOSE:
The Term 4 SOSE topic, ‘It’s a Child’s Life-Past and Present’, is centred around children in the community and family; both past and present. Students will be engaged in activities including their excursion to Coal Creek, with this as the core focus. Students will also cover areas of Health, such as
healthy eating, exercise and personal hygiene (brushing your teeth) which will run through the reading program. This will be followed by exploring aspects of Christmas from around the world.

**Literacy:**

In the area of Spelling, students will complete the SMART Spelling program outline which will be presented weekly to them in the classroom and as part of their homework. In Writing, handwriting will continue to be a focus, especially the correct letter formation and placement on lines; in preparation for more advanced writing skills in Grade 3. Our Genre writing will be narrative based, which includes writing fables, historical biographies, and Australian poetry. In Grammar and Punctuation there will be a continued focus on refining our proofreading and editing skills with an emphasis on all areas of punctuation and grammar covered over the year. This will include the use of using a dictionary to help us spell unknown or unfamiliar words. Finally, in Reading, a continued emphasis will be placed on developing different levels of comprehension for different genres. This will occur through reading, speaking/listening and writing based activities that support students developing comprehension skills.

**Religious Education:**

In RE, the focus will be on exploring how God communicates with his people, through the stories of the Old and New Testament in the Bible. This unit will be followed by reviewing, thinking and exploring the Christian Christmas.

**Homework:**

This term we would like parents to support students in completing their homework in a more independent manner, with exception to their daily reading. We would like parents to assist their children in developing daily homework routines, as this will support their transition to Grade 3 and the homework expectations. Students will need to complete their spelling and maths activities, and most importantly their 20 mins of reading with an adult. Please note, at this stage students should be reading a variety of books, not just their take home reader.

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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 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.

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