

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 Term 2 2017

Welcome to Term 2!

Religion: Saying Sorry and Forgiving Others

This term our focus question will be "How can I build a world of peace and love?"

The children will read the scripture stories: Zacchaeus, The Forgiving Father and the Lost Sheep that reveal the forgiving nature of God. They will identify the four-step process for reconciling with others - admit the wrong, say sorry, seek forgiveness and make amends. They will learn about the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, including the Act of Contrition and the Penitential Act and they will write their own prayers of forgiveness.



Reading every day greatly improves your child's skills across all subject areas.

English Writing

Writing compound and simple 'super' sentences, using correct punctuation will further develop our writing skills; as will using our knowledge of sounds and letters to achieve greater accuracy with spelling approximations in our written work. Our genre focus: informative and procedural texts, will provide students with an opportunity to engage in writing facts about things and events.

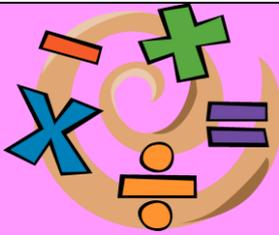
Reading

Children will continue to be immersed in a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts that will not only improve reading skills but also foster a love of books and reading. Dreamtime stories will be a focus, as the children deepen their understanding of Aboriginal Culture.

Speaking and Listening

In listening and speaking interactions, the students will continue to develop skills which include: initiating topics for discussion, making positive statements, voicing disagreement in an appropriate manner, speaking clearly with varying tone and using volume and pace appropriate to the oral situation. In listening for particular purposes, they will continue to exercise an ability to be an attentive audience member and group participant.

In class, the students will begin to develop their research skills to prepare, rehearse and deliver a short presentation on an animal.

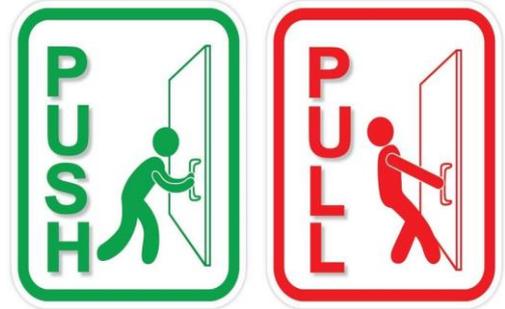


Maths

Place value to 999, counting sequences to and beyond one hundred and basic addition and subtraction strategies such as 'rainbow' facts, 'counting on', 'counting back' and 'doubles' will be consolidated. Mental maths activities continue to be an important part of every maths lesson. Students will also investigate fractions (half and quarter), graphing, positional language, money, 2D and 3D shapes and informal measurement.

Science

The children will investigate how a force can be described as a push or a pull. They will explore ways objects move on land, through water and in the air and how different strengths of pushes and pulls affect the movement of objects. They will also consider the effects of objects being pulled towards Earth (gravity).



Design and Technology

As part of our Science unit, in class, the children will design and build an object that can be either pushed or pulled or a combination of both forces. Please begin collecting recyclable items that the children may be able to use for their construction (e.g. plastic bottles, lids, small boxes, string etc.). All items are to be sent into school in Week 7. A reminder will be forwarded in due course.



Geography- People are Connected to Many Places

In the first part of this term, the students will investigate how people are connected to their place and other places, past and present. They will learn about the ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples maintain special connections to different places.

In the latter part of the term, the students will identify the features that define places and recognise that places can be described by different scales. They will understand that the world is divided into major geographical divisions and they will use simple geographical terms to describe the direction and location of places.



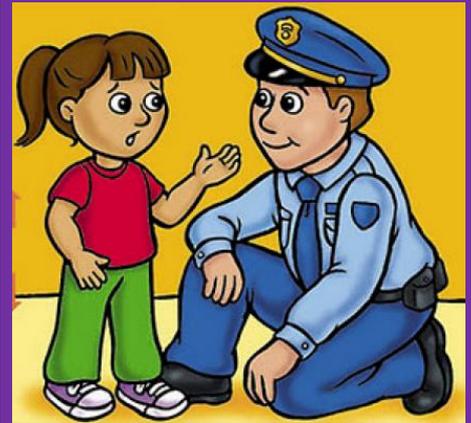
Visual Arts

The children will explore ideas, experiences, observations and imagination to create visual artworks and design, considering ideas in artworks by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

Health

This Term, students are going to explore actions that make the classroom a healthy, safe and active place. We will discuss and identify our emotional responses to our feelings and those that are specific to feeling unsafe. We will discuss things we can do to keep ourselves safe in our daily lives and gain a greater understanding of Cyber Safety. We will attend the Life Education Van.

Overall, our aim is to teach the students the importance of safety and being able to listen to our bodies to identify when things don't feel right.



Physical Education

Year 2 continue to engage in gross/loco-motor activities. The first part of the term focuses on kicking and hitting activities where the ball is 'stationary' (for example off a 'tee'). This is aimed at improved coordination and hand-eye 'tracking'. In the second part of the term, we begin to prepare for the Term 3 Sport's Day - as the activities they will be completing are different from those covered in Prep/Year 1. The focus for this day is team play and sharing, combined with rules and simple strategies. The 14 activities they compete in on the day will also cover a wide range of fundamental movement skills.

Music

Year Two students are continuing their exploration of rhythm and drumming technique by furthering their skills in more complex rhythmic and pattern structures. Students aim to play with purpose and accuracy, performing for the class and writing their own rhythmic compositions.





Drama:

Year 2 will be introduced to the core Elements of Drama, which are the building blocks upon which all Drama is created. Focusing on the elements of role and relationships, students will explore how to use their bodies, voice and facial expression to create character.

There will be an overarching focus on teaching and fostering the skills of collaboration, trust, self-expression, and respect, which are essential to learning in the drama room.

Dates and Reminders

1 st May	Labour Day Public Holiday
11 th May	Mother's Day Stall
3 rd May	2 Green Assembly
24 th May	2 Red Assembly
15 th & 16 th May	School Photos
23 rd June	Last Day Term 2

