



YEAR 2

**PARENT
INFORMATION
BOOKLET**

2023



Welcome to Year 2!

We have planned that this year will be one of achievement for all children. We are determined to help all children to experience the success and joy of learning new skills, especially in the essential areas of language and communication, Mathematics and respect for themselves and others. Your continuing encouragement and support for your

children and open and cooperative communication between us will ensure the best possible outcomes of our programmes.

Year Two Teaching Staff for 2023

2 Blue: Mrs Maria Churack (Mon - Fri)

2 Gold: Mrs Debbie Rodriguez (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) Mrs Nicole Sibbald (Fri)

SUPPORT

Mrs Rahmola Garniss will be assisting us in our programmes this year.

Below is an outline of the main topics we will be covering this year.

We hope you will find this information helpful.

Important dates to remember ~

Wednesday 1st Feb: Students begin

Swimming Lessons 1st - 10th February

Friday 17th Feb: Start of Year School Mass

Friday 17th Feb: P&F Welcome BBQ and Colour Run

Monday 20th Feb: School Photos

Wednesday 22nd Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass

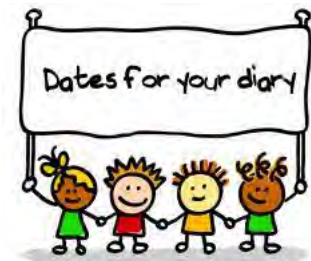
Monday and Tuesday 6th- 7th March: Student Free Days

Wednesday 22nd March: Year Two Mass

Tuesday 28th March: Sport Carnival Track and Field Events

Thursday 30th March: Sport Carnival Faction Events and Races

Thursday 6th April: End of Term



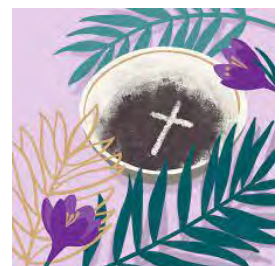
RELIGION

Our school Religious Education Programme is based on units of work which cover areas relevant to the children's lives. The programme is systematic and sequenced, helping children to relate our Catholic faith to their daily lives.

Church: Children will discover that people feel a sense of belonging through their relationships with people. Everyone needs to feel they have a special closeness with others who are important in their lives. God invites everyone to be a part of His family.

Lent/Easter: Children will learn that the Church prepares for and celebrates special events throughout the year. Lent is a time for people to remember stories about Jesus in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Special Feasts: (Ash Wednesday, Lent and The Stations of the Cross)
The children will learn the significance of these feasts.



The West Australian Curriculum is used at St. Anthony's.

ENGLISH

We have a daily Dedicated Literacy Time. Literacy tasks aim to develop in all children the ability to communicate efficiently in all areas; Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing and Viewing. The Talk for Writing programme is used to assist children to become successful story-tellers and writers. During the year various strategies will be used to achieve success. Integration across all curriculum areas will occur whenever possible.

Spelling: Develop phonetic and decoding skills using Sounds Write strategies.

Reading: Develop oral language and comprehension skills in levelled small groups using Sheena Cameron strategies.

Forms of Writing:

- Recount: Students will recall a favourite holiday experience.
- Narrative: Talk for Writing model using spoken activities to develop writing skills. Students will learn the 'Rainbow Fish' text as their model and link their stories to a friendship theme.
- Short burst writing prompts to develop creativity and imaginative storylines.



Grammar: Our focus in grammar this term is to review capital letters and full stops.

We will also be exploring the appropriate use of question marks and exclamation marks.

Handwriting- New South Wales Pre-Cursive Writing .

During the year children will be taught the correct formation of letters and numbers.

MATHEMATICS:

The Year Two programme uses a hands-on investigative approach using concrete materials.

Developing understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning in all areas.

Key Concepts: Number and Algebra

Number strand:

- Skip counting, Number sequences, Representing Numbers and Place Value

Key Concepts: Measurement and Geometry

Measurement strand:

- Name and order months and seasons
- Telling time to the quarter hour using language of 'past' and 'to'

It will greatly assist your child if you give him/her experiences handling money and telling time on both analogue and digital clocks.



HISTORY- Mrs Churack/Mrs Rodriguez

'The Past in the Present'

The children will explore the history of a significant person, building or site in the local community and explain what it reveals about the past.



HEALTH- Mrs Churack/Mrs Sibbald



There are three broad areas addressed in the Health programme. These are:

- Concepts for a Healthy Lifestyle, Self-Management Skills and Interpersonal Skills.

In Term 1 we are introducing the 'URSTRONG' program which is all about empowering children with skills to help build and maintain healthy friendships. Later in the year we teach the 'Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum' which includes the four topics: The right to be safe; relationships, recognising and reporting abuse and protective strategies.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY- Children will learn the parts of a computer, to represent simple patterns in data, design solutions to problems and present ideas and information using various safe digital systems.

ART- Creating art work is a means of expressing ideas and feelings. It helps children to develop fine motor skills, creativity and appreciation of others' work.

Term One ~ 'Self-portraits and Oceans'

The children will complete a variety of art pieces related to term themes of getting to know each other and the wonders of the sea, using different strategies and materials to enhance their artwork.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Children will be taught the 'Zones of Regulation' using a four point scale to help them understand their feelings and the associated behaviours. They will be given a range of tools to use to help them develop coping strategies, responsible behaviour and resilience when dealing with daily experiences and challenges.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Ms Juliette Borrromei

During the year both Year Two classes will have sport on **Thursdays**.

Swimming lessons will be conducted in Term 1 during Weeks 1 and 2.

This term students will be preparing for the school faction athletics carnival. Students will practise and participate in track and field events inclusive of jumps, throws, running events and team games.

SPORT UNIFORM Terms 1&3: Faction Top Terms 2&4: School Top

Please label all items clearly. A school hat is compulsory. All Year 2 children must wear their sports uniform on Thursdays for Physical Education.

SCIENCE / GEOGRAPHY - Mrs Deurloo (Mondays and Tuesdays)

The first half of the term, all the year groups will be studying Biological Science. This sub-strand focuses on understanding living things. The Year Twos will be looking at how specific animals grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves. We will be getting 'up close and personal' with some special guests in the Science room and determining the stages in their life cycle.

LIBRARY browsing day will be on Tuesdays.

On Library browse days, students will need to return their books and bring their library bag for borrowing. (No bag, no borrow)

ITALIAN - Ms Natalie Zisa-Wares (Fridays)

In Italian we will be:

- Interacting with the teacher using simple descriptive modelled language.
- Beginning to count up to fifty in Italian.
- Observing and responding to the book "Il Bruco Affamato" whilst demonstrating their understanding relating to fruit, colours, the days of the week and months in Italian.

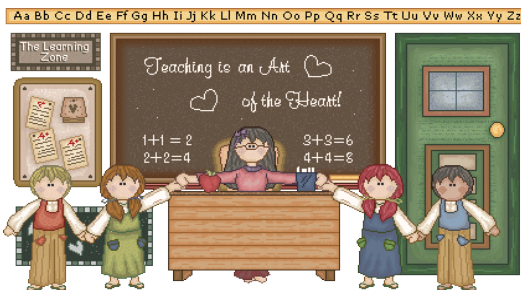


HOMEWORK - In order to combine practising concepts learnt at school with developing other life skills, homework grids will be utilised. Grids will be handed out and completed fortnightly and will contain a mixture of activities. Reading will be compulsory each night, whilst other activities can be undertaken on a day of your choosing. Please remember to sign each activity once it's completed.

COMMUNICATION



- The digital portfolio Seesaw will be used as a communication tool to share your child's learning and to send messages and reminders.
- Newsletters are distributed fortnightly. It is very important that you read these and return any relevant notes promptly.
- Parents are asked to make appointments for parent/teacher meetings or you can email or message via Seesaw.
- Please send a written note to the school to cover your child's absence as this is a legal requirement. We would appreciate being advised early of a planned absence as this may affect our daily planning.
- You will receive a text message if your child is not at school.



GENERAL

A major focus will be encouraging all children to develop greater independence with learning, behaviour and responsibility and we look forward to your support throughout the year. If you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a successful, rewarding and happy year for your children.

Warm Regards,
Maria, Debbie, Nicole and Rahmola