February 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the school year for 2015. We hope that you had a safe and happy holiday with your child.

We would like to take this opportunity to say, “Welcome to the Year Two children and parents from the Year Two teaching team”:

Mr. Matt Payne 2P13,
Mrs. Helen Connell 2C9
Mrs. Vicki Gollin & Mrs. Robin Prescott 2GP8

We are looking forward to a very exciting year ahead, full of many new learning experiences for your children. This term we are learning about ‘Sun, Sand and Surf’.

HOMEWORK

In grade 2 reading nightly is essential for your child. We recommend that your child reads at least three to four times a week for about fifteen minutes at a time. This allows them important rest time whilst also preparing them for the upcoming year.

The children have now begun their weekly spelling homework and have also been given their first project homework task. Spelling homework is a task which assists students with learning their spelling words for the week. This is given out every Monday and it is expected that this be returned each Friday. Spelling tests for these words are conducted at school every Friday. Project homework is a fortnightly task. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to a ‘five star work’ standard.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead with your support in the classroom and at home.
We are so impressed with the way in which our students have started their Grade 2 year with confidence and manners. They have shown great organisational skills and have leapt into their learning with enthusiasm!

We have started our writing focus with recounts and information reports.

Our math’s will be an ongoing variety of quick math’s skills, hands on games, concrete materials to manipulate, measuring, formal equations and skip counting.

Our reading is focused on essential comprehension strategies and responding to a variety of texts in a personal and meaningful way to enhance understandings.

REMINDERS:

If you have not already done so, please make sure your child has the following items at school as soon as possible:

- Library Bag
- Art Smock
- Tissues
- Reading Satchel
- Pencil Case
- Chair Bag
- School Hat

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues/Wed 17th & 18th Feb – Interviews
Thurs 5th March – School Photo’s
Mon 9th March – Labour Day Holiday
Wed 25th March – Aquarium Excursion
Fri 27th March – End of Term One

Thank you so much for a fabulous start to the year!

The Grade Two Team 😊