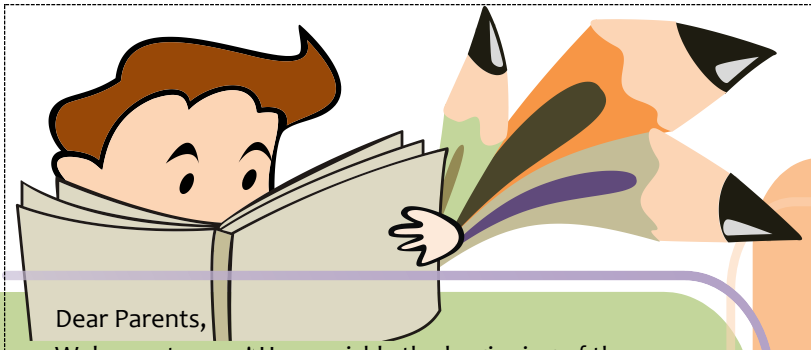


Grade 1/2 Newsletter
[Term 1, 2017]

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2017! How quickly the beginning of the term has passed, already week 3. And what a busy term it is going to be!

Here is a brief overview of what will be covered during the remainder of the term.

Reading:

This term in Reading, Grade 1/2 will be covering making connections. We will look at connections between texts read and the children's own lives and also connections between different texts we have read. We will also look at comparing and contrasting. We will apply these skills to various texts, including characters and settings.

Please assist your child with remembering to bring their reader home each night and return it each morning. At home reading does not need to be done exclusively one on one, your child can read to you while in the car, cooking dinner or even to a sibling. The focus is on practicing our reading skills and developing a love for reading.

Writing:

During Writing we are focusing on descriptive writing, specifically personal descriptions. We have begun to learn the vocabulary of descriptive writing looking at adjectives and moving into adverbs.

Maths:

Students have been working on Place Value and counting, including skip counting.

We will then move onto data representation, including collecting data and representing it in various forms. Finally this term we will look at Measurement and Geometry which includes time cycles (days of the week, months of the year, using calendars) and shapes.

RE/Inquiry:

Our unit for Inquiry/RE is 'Belonging'. We are focusing on how we all belong to God's family and the St. Pius X family. We will also look at belonging to other various groups and organisations. Our focus will then move to exploring the students own strengths and shortcomings, likes and dislikes and how they can work successfully with others.

Physical Education:

This term in P.E students are participating in Athletics on Thursdays. We will host our School Sports day towards end of term.

Students will also participate in class sports once a week; this will be aimed at improving general motor skills and coordination.

Art & Performing Arts:

The students continue to work with Ms Wonda and Mrs Markham to participate in various Art and Performing Arts activities.

Italian:

The students will continue to participate in Italian every Friday during weeks 2-5.

Library:

Grade 1/2 attend the Library on Monday afternoons, please assist you child in remembering to return their library books and encourage them to borrow regularly.

Gardening:

Students will participate in Gardening with Bella on Thursdays during this term.

Atrium:

Students will visit the Atrium with Ms Julie on Fridays.

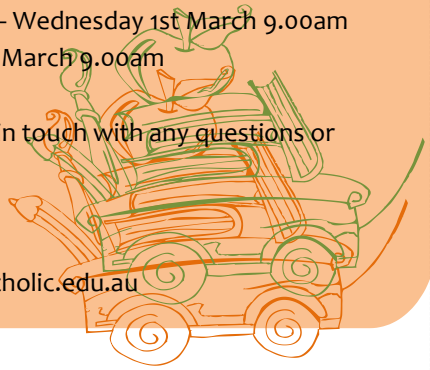
Daily Timetable:

9.00am -10.00am: Writing
10.00am – 11.00am: Reading
12.00pm – 1.00pm: Maths
1.00pm – 2.00pm: Inquiry/RE
2.30pm – 3.30pm: Class sport/Library/Assembly

Important dates:

Reading Club starts – Tuesday 14th February – 3.30pm
Building a Learning Community Night – Thursday 16th February 6.30pm
1/2 Assembly – Wednesday 22nd February 3.00pm
Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday 28th February (please see me if you are available to help with Pancake making!)
Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 1st March 9.00am
P/1/2 Mass – Friday 17th March 9.00am

Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or issues.

Kind regards,

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