



St Paul's Catholic Parish Primary School
Albion Park

**"In the richness of our Catholic
Faith and tradition
We achieve excellence"**

Term 3 Overview

Year 2

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the start of Term 3! The following is an outline to provide you with information regarding the learning experiences your child will be engaging in throughout this term.

RELIGION:

Throughout Term Three the students of Year 2 will engage in two units from the Religious Education curriculum. These units are:

- Reflecting God's Goodness
- Reconciliation.

During these units the children will explore the concept of living as a follower of Jesus and introduces Jesus' commandment to love others as He loved us. They will listen to stories about the saints and research a saint of their choice. The children will also reflect on the human experience of forgiving others and being forgiven by God, our Father.

ENGLISH:

During Term 3 students will engage in the development of literacy through a wide range of experiences. Students will continue to work on phonic sounds each week. They will write **explanations and letter writing (factual texts), discussions (persuasive texts), and retells of imaginative texts** during the term. Basic spelling rules, grammar and reading /comprehension skills will be practiced on a daily basis.

MATHEMATICS:

The teaching of Mathematics will continue to build upon the knowledge your child has developed throughout the earlier stages of their schooling. There will be a significant focus on mental computation, problem solving, number facts to 50 and counting forwards and backwards by different numbers. This term we will include the topics of **addition/subtraction, multiplication/division, fractions, area, position, time, and mass.**



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH:

During Term 3 the topic covered will be "**Street Sense**". "The children will discuss what is safe and unsafe behaviour for pedestrians, passengers and when you ride or skate? They will also consider how they can keep themselves and others safe in a range of traffic environments.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

The students of Year 2 will now wear their **sport uniform** on a **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** each week to support the teaching of Physical Education and Sport. Physical Education Skills (PE) are taught by Mrs. Laura Miller and Mrs. Stephanie Rowles to Year 2 on a Wednesday. Mrs. Tracy Whalan and Mrs. Monica McCann will teach **Sport** on Fridays. This term the children will be doing dancing and participate in a variety of games and activities that will concentrate on the basic skills of locomotion, ball control, rolling, throwing, tracking and trapping, kicking and striking.

CREATIVE ARTS:

Visual Arts:

Creative Arts will be integrated throughout our Science, HSIE & Religion units. Students will experiment with different forms of visual art such as drawing, painting and constructing. Please make sure your child has brought a paint shirt to school to protect their uniform when we are painting. A large adult's t-shirt is ideal.

INQUIRY:

Science

Students will be learning about the forces of 'PUSH and PULL'. Through investigations, students observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. Students identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can 'push'. The classes will also look at how toys move and work using these forces.

HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT:

The H.S.I.E/ History unit for Term Three is "**How has technology changed Children's lives from the past**".

In this unit the students will have opportunities to:

- Read a variety of literature and access the internet to gain information about the lives of children in the past and the changes that have occurred.
- Compare and explore the leisure and play activities that children participated in both the past and present.
- Explore how technology has changed children's lifestyles, eg communication, transport and household items.



TEACHER RELIEF:

2 Blue:

Mrs Laura Miller will continue to teach PE to 2B each Wednesday from 2.15 - 3.15pm.

Mrs Monica McCann will teach 2B each Friday afternoon from 2.15 - 3.15pm.

2 Red:

Mrs Stephanie Rowles will teach PE to 2R each Wednesday from 2.15- 3.15pm and Religion and Health on Fridays from 11.35 – 12.35.

LIBRARY:

Library borrowing will continue to happen each Friday. Please ensure your child brings their library bag each week.

CRUNCH AND SIP:

Crunch and sip will continue to be eaten at the start of each day. Please ensure the amount of fruit or vegetables can be consumed within a 10 minute time frame.

HOMEWORK:

It is important that learning occurs and is nurtured between the school and home environment. Therefore it is a requirement that your child engages in **reading 15-20mins each day at home**, of which **these experiences takes place with an adult listening to them read**. We will monitor your child's home reading through their Home Reading Diary. Please help your child record their sentence in response to what they read each night and sign the diary each week on a Thursday evening. We require the **diaries to be at school every day** so we can keep a record of your child's reading progress.



We will continue to practice mathematical and literacy concepts through Revision Sheets that will be sent home regularly. Students should also revise counting forwards and backwards by 2's, 5's and 10's, starting at any given number. They will also work on counting by 3's, and 4's (Double 2's).

A few important REMINDERS

Morning Arrival

Your child is expected to be at school before the first bell at 8:52 am. The second bell rings at 8:55 am. This is when school commences. The front pedestrian gate will be locked at this time. All late arrivals after this time will need to be signed in at the front office.

Absentee notes

If your child is absent for any reason it is very important that we receive a note on his/her return to school, as it is a legal requirement.

If you are going away on a family holiday for more than 3 days please contact the school office, as it is a legal requirement that you fill out an Application for Leave form. This form needs to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the leave.

Late Arrivals

All students arriving late to school must be signed in by a parent/carer.

Collecting Students in the Afternoon

When collecting students from school premises in the afternoons – students are not permitted to leave the school premises to meet their parents in parked cars. Please collect your child/children from the teacher who supervises the children.

Complaints Handling Procedures

A reminder - If there are issues arising about life at school and your child's learning, please approach your child's teacher about the problem.

To do this please make an appointment through the School Office for an agreed time to address the issue. Please do not approach teachers on morning assembly lines on their way to class. At that time they have teaching responsibilities and need to be free to do their best work in the classroom to sustain a positive learning environment.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of that meeting, then make an appointment through the School Office to speak to the member of the School Leadership Team who works with the relevant stage:

Early Stage 1 (Kinder) and Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Mrs Lisa Mammone – Middle Leader

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

– Mrs Janet Sykes – Acting Assistant Principal
– Mr Simon Farrugia – Acting Assistant Principal and
Religious Education Coordinator

In the event that one of these Leadership Team members are absent the matter will be referred to Mrs Easton

Please make an appointment with the teacher and/or Stage Coordinator to discuss your concerns. Emailing issues does not always solve the problem, as a meeting will be necessary anyway.

Lastly, if you are still not satisfied with the outcome and feel that it is necessary to speak to the Principal, Mrs Easton about the issue, please make an appointment through the School Office. Your concerns will always be listened to and hopefully problems solved, as we consider the well being of the child as vitally important.

Parent Helpers / Volunteers

All Parent Helpers or Volunteers need to complete either a Working with Children Check Form or a School Volunteers Form. The school requires this before they can assist in the classroom, on Canteen or with school activities such as the Athletics, Cross Country or Swimming Carnivals. If you have not already submitted one of these forms to us, please contact the office for a form to be sent home to you for completion.

We hope this overview will assist you in participating in your child's education through encouragement and interest in all they do each day at school. We look forward to working with you for the remainder of the year. Your role is vital and so supportive of our partnership as educators of your children.



**Mrs Julie Ferguson and
Mrs Martina Clark
Year 2 Blue Class Teachers**



**Mrs Elizabeth Rippon and
Mrs Tracy Whalan
Year 2 Red Class Teachers**