



**YEAR 2**

**PARENT  
INFORMATION  
BOOKLET**

**2017**



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.

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

We hope you will find this information helpful.

**GENERAL THEMES : Term 1: Under the Sea / Easter**

**Term 2: Our Amazing Gardens**

**Term 3: Living in the Wetlands/Frogs**

**Term 4: Fantasy and Make Believe/ Culture / Christmas**

### 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.

Our topics in Term 1 are "Beautiful World, Beautiful Me" and "Just Like Jesus".

Year 2 is rostered to prepare and attend a number of masses during the year. All parents are welcome to join us. Please check the school newsletter for dates and times.



**THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM is used at St. Anthony's.**

### ENGLISH

We use the RAISe approach through Dedicated Literacy Time. The literacy tasks planned aim to develop in all children the ability to communicate efficiently in all areas; Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing and Viewing. The focus this year is Comprehension skills. During the year various strategies will be used to achieve success. Integration across all curriculum areas will occur whenever possible.

#### Reading

Our aim is to encourage children to enjoy reading and to gain confidence in their own reading abilities.

Assist your child to reflect, understand and comprehend their home reader by asking appropriate questions.

Questions should focus on the Who, What, Where, When and Why of the story.



#### Phonics/Spelling : Whole School Diana Rigg Approach

A very successful method to use in studying spelling is: **LOOK\* COVER \* SAY \* WRITE \* CHECK (L.C.S.W.C.)**

#### Handwriting- New South Wales Print

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.



**Number:** The four operations (Add, Subtract, Divide and Multiply), patterns and fractions will continue to be developed and reinforced.

**Measurement** - looks at length, area, volume and capacity, mass and time concepts.

**Space** - looks at shapes (2D and 3D), paths and positions, maps and investigations.

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

## HISTORY: Ms De Filippi/Mrs Rodriguez GEOGRAPHY: Mrs Barton

These learning areas will help to increase the children's knowledge and understanding about their local community and environment and provide them with opportunities to compare their situation to that of others. Our themes for Term 1 are 'Classroom and School Rules' and 'History'.



## SCIENCE- Mr Bernie Schelfhout

Children will explore science concepts through specific themes. They will also apply knowledge, skills and resources to the development of technological solutions. Our emphasis is on the hands on approach and collaborative learning using the Primary Connections Programme.

## HEALTH- Ms Kirsty Pitman (2 Blue) Mrs Rodriguez (2 Gold)



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

- Concepts for a Healthy Lifestyle
- Self Management Skills
- Interpersonal Skills

We will also continue the school based "You Can Do It" programme and the "Friendly Schools & Families", a programme that develops the child's positive self-esteem, empathy, co-operation, friendship, social and self management skills.

## ART/TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

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.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mrs Christine Schelfhout

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

Swimming lessons will be conducted in Term 1 with dates and times to be confirmed soon.



**LIBRARY** Lesson and browsing day will be on Tuesdays.

**Mrs Barton** will conduct Geography lessons this year. On Library browse days, students will need to return their books and bring their library bag for borrowing. (No bag, no borrow)





**MUSIC - Mrs Margaret Grubb (Thursdays)**

**ITALIAN - Ms Natalie Zisa-Wares (Wednesdays)**

### **HOMEWORK**



- Reading-approximately 10 minutes per day
- Spelling- 1 list each week- L.C.S.W.C. each night.
- Mental Maths activities that encourage the development of mental, strategies, speed and confidence.
- Occasionally some unfinished work will be sent home.
- We will email you if there are any changes to homework routines.

### **COMMUNICATION**



- 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 talks or you can email us.
- Please send a written note to the teacher to cover your child's absence from school 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.

### **SUPPORT**

Mrs Melissa Venema (2 Blue) and Mrs Nola Cusworth (2 Gold) will be assisting us in our programmes this year.

### **BOOK COVERING**

Please cover your child's books as this will help protect them for the year. Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated.



We have provided a title sheet for the front cover of each scrap/exercise book.

**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 Fridays for Physical Education.



### **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**

2 Blue: Ms Elisabetta De Filippi (Mon, Wed am Thurs, Fri)    Ms Kirsty Pitman (Tues, Wed pm)  
2 Gold: Mrs Debbie Rodriguez (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)    Miss Lockyer (Thurs)