



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 2, Term 1 Overview 2021

Welcome to a brand new school year! I look forward to an exciting year with your children. The following information is a snapshot of learning across all Key Learning Areas this term.



RELIGION

The Modules being studied this term are:

- **Brigidine unit** – based on building knowledge of our school’s history integrated with the mission unit: Loving God and others like Jesus. We have already commenced this unit by celebrating St Brigid’s Feast Day, 1st February.
- **Caretakers of God’s Garden** - with a focus on appreciating God’s creation.
- **Lent to Easter**– the focus is on prayer and what we can do to prepare ourselves for Easter during Lent, as well as, the events of Holy Week.

ENGLISH

● **Talking/Listening:** includes practising good listening skills as well as comprehending through listening. In Year 2 we only share very special news (birthdays, weddings, new babies etc) and do not have an allocated news day.

● **Reading:** As a class we will explore different texts through shared and modelled reading and will use this time to explicitly teach comprehension strategies, grammar and spelling. Guided Reading will occur in small groups at instructional level. This year our focus will be on developing comprehension strategies.



Independent Reading and Home Reading: ‘Readers’ will be sent home weekly or as needed.

These books are usually ***just below instructional level*** to increase fluency and confidence in oral reading which promotes comprehension. Those students who are considered fluent readers will read library or home books. All students will be required to read each night as part of their homework. **It is very important at this age that ALL children practise reading aloud at home, no matter how well your child can read.** This ensures they pay attention to their accuracy, expression and fluency. The students will also continue to read on WUSHKA and complete the comprehension questions at the end of the books. This allows me to monitor their home reading and comprehension.

● **Writing:** Children’s writing will focus on recounts, descriptions and observation. Through each text type we will also focus on developing writing strategies. The children are also encouraged to proofread and edit their writing. Spelling, grammar and comprehension are included in writing lessons.

● **Computers and iPads** are used to enhance learning in many KLAs and for publishing writing. **Children are required to bring in their own headphones, labelled.**

MATHEMATICS

The focus this term will be Whole Number, 3D space, Chance, Length and Addition and Subtraction. Children will work on open-ended tasks at their ability levels to develop problem-solving skills. Literature will be used as a means to enhance the children’s understanding of Mathematics in everyday life.

The following strands are studied during the course of the year.

- Working Mathematically
- Number and Algebra
- Statistics and Probability
- Measurement and Geometry



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The unit of work being undertaken for the term is “What’s that sound?” This unit allows students to investigate how sound is produced using a variety of different materials. Students build an understanding of how sound

moves through inquiry and developing a shared understanding with peers. As students explore a range of materials and the sounds they produce, students connect their understanding of sound vibrations with the discovery that these vibrations can be altered through manipulating materials and the interaction between materials.

THE LEADER IN ME AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are working on Cooperative Learning skills using the 7 Habits and Positive Behaviours for Learning. The “Kimochi” programme will be extended from Year One this term, continuing to develop emotional intelligence and understanding others.

P.E. is taught by Mr Nosti on THURSDAY. All children are to wear their sports uniform on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS.

CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Arts is an opportunity for students to explore different artworks using a range of medium and materials. The artworks are integrated and relevant to the other Key Learning Areas studied this term.

It is essential that every child has a painting shirt that covers their uniform.

Mrs Forster teaches Music and Drama on THURSDAYS.



LIBRARY

Library borrowing day is on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child has their library bag with them. ALL children will be enrolled in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. More information about this will come out in the next few weeks.

Homework

The children will complete spelling and maths activities. Please remind your children to return all homework by Thursday. **Reading each night is crucial**, so please encourage your child to read on WUSHKA and/or share their ‘reader’ with you and to borrow from the Library. Their readers should be kept in the green folder which needs to be brought to school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has unstructured play every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to make an appointment to meet with me. I look forward to meeting with you in the next week when you can share things you would like me to know about your child.

Warm Regards,
Lesley-Ann Bau-Gaspar

