

# YEAR 2/3 CLASS NEWSLETTER

*Term 2, Weeks 1-5*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic holiday and are ready for the second term. This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the first 5 weeks of Term 2.

## WELCOME LUCIA

This term we welcome a new student to our class, Lucia Gibellini. We can't wait to get to know her better and hope that the Gibellini's are settling in to our school community.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 10th** - Mothers Day  
*Liturgy & Morning Tea*

**May 14th-17th** - NAPLAN  
*Testing*

**May 24th** - Year 2/3 Class  
*Assembly*

**May 31st** - Pupil Free Day

**June 3rd** - Public Holiday

## ENGLISH

In English, students will continue learning how to write persuasive texts. After focusing on how to structure their persuasive writing, students are now attempting to add compelling language to make their writing as persuasive as possible. This week, students will begin writing their final persuasive text about class pets.

This term we will use small group and whole class reading sessions to help develop reading and comprehension skills, as well as listen to readers individually.



## MATHEMATICS

The first 5 weeks of this term the Year 2 students will be learning the following:

- Addition & Subtraction - Explore the connection between addition and subtraction. Students will also solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies.
- Patterns & Algebra - Identify patterns with numbers and solve problems by using number sentences for addition or subtraction.

The first 5 weeks of this term the Year 3 students will be learning the following:

- Addition & Subtraction - Recall addition facts for single-digit numbers and related subtraction facts to develop increasingly efficient mental strategies for computation.
- Patterns & Algebra - Describe, continue, and create number patterns resulting from performing addition or subtraction.
- Telling Time - Tell time to the minute.
- Data Representation & Interpretation - Collect data, organise into categories and create displays.

During our first week, we have enjoyed investigating the connection between addition and subtraction. Students have worked together to solve addition and subtraction puzzles. This week we will be looking at mental addition strategies we can use to solve problems in our head.

## HASS

Our theme this term in HASS is 'Adventures Around Australia'. During this unit, we will be exploring Australian States and Territories, Capital Cities, landmarks and native animals. We are already excited to investigate some of Australia's cherished landmarks including Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Bibbulmun Track. This theme will be integrated into our Language Studies and Visual Art program.

## VISUAL ARTS

This term our Art lesson will be every Tuesday. Please ensure your child has an art shirt at school, in order to keep their school uniform clean. Our Art program will incorporate painting and mixed media and is sure to be a lot of fun!



## LIBRARY

A reminder that library is every **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child's books are kept safe in a library bag.

## HOMEWORK

Each week students will bring home a home reader book and a reading log. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement. Please listen to your child read every night and talk with your child about the book they read to help develop their comprehension skills. An additional spelling worksheet will be sent home each week to supplement what we are learning in class.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religion unit will focus on the season of Lent and Easter. Students will identify how Lent is a time for new beginnings and explain how Jesus teaches us to treat and serve others.

Acting with kindness and compassion will be a class focus throughout the year.

