

Term 2, Weeks 6-10

# *Year 1/2 Newsletter*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a great first half of the term and can't wait to see what's next! This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the last 5 weeks of Term 2.



## *Literacy*

This term we have been focusing on the basic structure of persuasive texts. We have explored that a persuasive text begins with an opinion, gives 3 reasons to support the opinion and ends with a conclusion. We also learnt that persuasive texts are made up of paragraphs. Last week, we had our very first go at drafting a persuasive text about 'Are dogs a better pet than cats?' Over the coming weeks, we will begin exploring the different language features we can use to convince our readers. We look forward to trying to persuade you to agree with our opinions!

In reading, we have had a big focus on answering comprehension questions with evidence from the text. We are now beginning to explore inferential questions, where we need to use clues from the text to find the answer.

## *Religious Education*

This term in Religious Education, we will be exploring the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will explore how Jesus is always present with his followers and how this guides people to show love to others. We will investigate 'The Story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand,' where Jesus demonstrates how he showed love for others. To continue showing love to his followers today, Jesus started the family of God, called the 'Church.' We will learn that Jesus gave the Eucharist to the first members of God's family during the last meal he had with his followers, called the 'Last Supper.'

## *Upcoming Events*

**June 2nd** - Pupil Free Day

**June 5th** - WA Day (Public Holiday)

**June 6th** - MJR Reward (Pyjama Day and Movie Afternoon)

**June 7th** - Pupil Free Day

**June 9th** - Cross Country

**June 11th** - First Holy Communion @ 10:30am

**June 16th** - Year 1/2 Assembly

**June 21st** - Whole School Mass led by Year 3/4 @ 10am

**June 23rd** - P&F Disco

**June 29th** - Students Last Day of Term





## ***Inquiry & HASS***

This term, we have been busy learning about the location of different major geographical divisions of our world and their relation to Australia. We have also explored how the Earth rotates and revolves around the sun and how this causes day and night, seasons and our calendar year. In the next few weeks, we will explore why the continents experience different seasons at different times in the year and how these seasons vary to the Aboriginal seasons in our local area.

## ***Science***

In the remaining four weeks of term, Year 2 and 3 students will continue learning about Chemical science. Students will be learning about what causes solids and liquids to change shape. They will interpret findings about materials and identify that adding heat can change solid materials to liquids and removing heat can change liquid materials to solids.

## ***Technologies***

Over the last few weeks, we have explored different types of farming in Western Australia and how they fit into the five food groups we investigated last term. Over the next few weeks, we will begin exploring the process of how food and fibre products got from the paddock to the plate.

## ***Mathematics***

**This term, the Year 1 students will be learning the following:**

- Shapes – Recognise and classify familiar two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects using obvious features.
- Locations & Transformations – Give and follow directions to familiar locations.
- Subtraction – Represent and solve simple subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts.

**This term, the Year 2 students will be learning the following:**

- Shapes – Describe and draw two-dimensional shapes, with and without digital technologies. Describe the features of three-dimensional objects.
- Locations & Transformations – Interpret simple maps of familiar locations and identify the relative positions of key features.
- Subtraction – Explore the connection between addition and subtraction and solve simple subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies.

## ***Library***

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

