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Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents

Welcome to our new school year. We are delighted to have forty-five students currently enrolled in the two classes. Every student is a unique individual and we look forward to getting to know each one better as this term unfolds.

The theme our Primary classes are following this year is Leaders Who Changed Their World. Two Blue has chosen the MARTIN LUTHER KING and Two Gold has selected BONO.

Teaching and Learning
Schools across Australia continue to implement the new Australian Curriculum, with the entire curriculum being phased in over a number of years. This year we are implementing the new HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY programs. There will be some changes to the curriculum your child learns and we know that this will be exciting for them as they navigate their learning journey.

School Diaries are an important tool for homework and organisational purposes as well as for parent/teacher communication. Please monitor the use of your child’s Diary — it needs to travel to and from school with your child every day. We would also appreciate a brief note in the Diary advising us of your child’s normal means of transport home.

Each night, Monday to Thursday (commencing in Week 2), approximately 15 minutes of homework will be set. We would appreciate your assistance with the supervision of ‘Take Home Readers’ and request that they are changed twice per week.

Homework will be due on Friday and will consist of a ‘Look Cover Write Check’ spelling list (Monday to Thursday evenings) and Maths homework (using ‘Mathletics’). Other work will be set periodically.

Once again we are issuing Stationery Packs. Please cover the exercise books with either brown paper & a picture covered with clear contact OR patterned contact. The textbook, ‘Grammar Once a Week’, needs to be covered with clear contact only. Please label all books neatly with Name / Subject / Class.

All books need to be covered by the end of Week 2. Please note that we will be using many of these books in class during the first 2 weeks (so we won’t send them all home at once).

Would you please send in a labelled paint shirt if necessary as soon as possible?

All students also need a library bag for borrowing books.
Timetable details:

SPORT will be held every Tuesday.
PE Both Classes: Every Friday
LIBRARY Both Classes: Every Wednesday

Specialist Teachers:

French - Miss Anne Davies (twice a week)
Music - Mrs Tori Saunders (once per week)
Christian Studies - Mr Graeme Feeney (once per week)
Library - Mrs Louise Broomfield (once per week)

The two classes will be mixed for Reading Groups (commencing Week 3 or 4) and Spelling Groups (commencing Week 3).

In Semester 1, Mr Holden will teach Science to both classes and Mrs Brice will teach History. In Semester 2, Mr Holden will teach Geography to both classes and Mrs Brice will teach Science.

Mr Holden will teach PE and Health to both classes while Mrs Brice will teach Visual Arts to both classes. All other classes will be taken by each home room teacher.

Our students always appreciate the presence of Parent / Family helpers in the classroom and on excursions. If you are available for Individual Reading (any day) or Reading Groups (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings, in Period 1) please inform us personally or via a note in the diary. If you have other talents to offer, please also let us know. Both teachers would also value assistance with the editing of children’s work during writing lessons at different times of the week. Please speak to the teacher of your class if you are interested in helping with this very important task.

Chapel with Rev Nate will be held each Monday in Period 4 (11:30am at St Luke’s Anglican Church). Please feel welcome to join us when you can. You are also invited to attend Primary Assembly every second Wednesday afternoon (12:15pm).

Students will be given the opportunity to have a fruit break during the morning session. Please make sure it is fruit and prepared in a format ready to eat. In the afternoon we also have a little healthy afternoon snack as we continue to work.

The K-2 Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 4 February, commencing at 7:00pm. We look forward to meeting you then (if not before) and will give you further details about the year ahead.

If you have any queries, please contact us via the diary or ring for an appointment. We are both looking forward to a great year with the children of Year Two.

Mr Tim Holden
(Two Gold Teacher)

Mrs Cynthia Brice
(Two Blue Teacher)