



# TERM 1 OVERVIEW

2018

## Year 2

### Curriculum Outline

#### RELIGION

Our unit for this term is 'God's Gifts'. Students will understand that all life comes from God. They will also understand that we can experience God in different ways and it is the Holy Spirit at work in us guiding us to love and serve. Students will demonstrate an understanding of their responsibility to respect themselves, others and all creation.

#### ENGLISH

This term we will continue sustained silent reading and writing for 20 minutes daily. Students will be exposed to the 'publishing cycle' and 'writing process' to extend and elaborate their writing. In reading, students will be exposed to various well-known authors who have written chapter books and investigate various ways they generate their ideas to create texts.

#### MATHEMATICS

Students will continue to develop and further their understanding of addition, subtraction, the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, probability, length and area. Throughout these units, students will have the opportunity to inquire and investigate through the use of concrete manipulatives to further enhance their problem solving skills.

#### SCIENCE - Watch it Grow

Students will develop an understanding that all living things have their own life story, but all species share in the same cycle of growth, change, reproduction and death. They will understand more about life cycles of various species, to manage and control unwanted species like insect pests, or to improve animal husbandry.

#### GEOGRAPHY - People and Places

This term in Geography, students will explore places across a range of scales within Australia and Australia's location in the World. They will describe connections people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have with places, both locally and globally. Students will identify factors affecting people's accessibility.

#### LIBRARY

Students will continue visiting the Library once a week for a research lesson and borrowing with Melissa Greentree. Students will understand that following a research process can help produce best work. A reminder that students require a library bag to borrow books.

#### SPORT, MUSIC & ITALIAN

Students will continue developing various fundamental gross motor skills with Matt Maloney. In Music, students will continue learning various musical elements and begin using the musical instruments with Dee McFaul. Students will begin learning Italian with Lorena Nesa this year. During Italian, students will learn the basic greetings, colours and numbers to 10.

#### GYMNASTICS

From week 2, students will participate in eight 40-minute gymnastics classes on Mondays. These classes will be instructed by the team from Southern Canberra Gymnastics Club. Students are to wear full sports uniform on Mondays.

#### HOME LEARNING

Home readers will commence from week 2. We encourage students to participate in reading every night.

#### MUNCH & CRUNCH

Please ensure that your **child brings a manageable portion** of fruit or vegetables for our 'munch & crunch' break every day, including lunch order days.

#### HOUSEKEEPING

Students may wear sleepers or studs in pierced ears and a watch. Charity bands, nail polish and coloured bands in hair are not permitted during school time. Classroom teachers will allow students to have their water bottles on desks during the warmer months. A reminder that all students need to be wearing their school hat, or will have to play in the shade or use the Library during break times.

	SPORT	ITALIAN	MUSIC	LIBRARY
2 Blue	Mon & Thurs	Tues	Tues	Fri
2 Gold	Mon & Thurs	Tues	Thurs	Fri
2 Red	Mon & Thurs	Tues	Thurs	Fri
2 White	Mon & Fri	Wed	Fri	Fri

#### PLEASE & THANK YOU

Any donations of tissues, hand sanitizer or wetwipes would be greatly appreciated for classroom use.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Ash Wednesday/School Mass - 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Catholic Schools Week - 5<sup>th</sup> → 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Good Friday - 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Easter Monday - 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Easter Liturgy - 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Last Day of Term 1 - 13<sup>th</sup> April
- ANZAC Day March - 25<sup>th</sup> April

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