



Year 2 Overview 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another new and exciting year. The children have settled well into new and different routines and our Open Learning Spaces. The following is an overview of the topics that we will be covering throughout the year.

STAGE 1 LEADER OF LEARNING - Miss Sarah Archer

YEAR 2 TEACHERS

1B - Miss Sarah Archer & Mrs Antoinette Vella (Tuesday)

1E - Mrs Marcela Betros

1G - Mr Benjamin Kroon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Jesus Helps me to Love	Jesus is With Us	Reconciliation: Living in a Forgiving Community	Mission: Loving God and Others like Jesus
Lent: Being Alone	Pentecost Story	Eucharist: Celebrating God's Love	Advent: Waiting for Christmas
Easter: 'Never Alone			Christmas: Waiting is Over

ENGLISH

Reading - The children will be reading levelled readers in guided reading and reciprocal reading groups. Your child will participate in guided reading lessons to explicitly teach reading strategies and comprehension skills. They will be regularly monitored and assessed to ensure that they are being challenged and supported. Fluency and an understanding of the text at literal and inferential level for both fiction and factual texts are crucial in their progression as a reader.

Writing - Students in Year 2 we will explore writing imaginative, informative and persuasive texts throughout the year. They will use a variety of stimuli to help them develop ideas for their writing.

MATHEMATICS

Throughout the year we will work towards outcomes from the various Mathematics strands: Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability and Measurement and Geometry.

The Mathematics block is set up into three main components:

1. Warm up (with a specific focus on number building)
2. Rich open-ended task - mixed ability groups and investigations
3. Reflection time - students explain their thinking and the teacher summarises the main teaching points. We always ask the question: How did you work that out?



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HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY (formerly HSIE) / SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Geography People and Places	Science Living World	Science Earth and Space	History The Past in the Present

CREATIVE ARTS

In 2019, the children in Year 2 will be taking part in a Creative Arts program. They will be involved in visual arts, dance, music and drama activities. Music will be taught by Mrs Micallef.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Personal Development/ Health Protecting Me	Personal Development/ Health Resilience for kids	Personal Development/ Health Healthy Choices with food and fitness	Personal Development/ Health Keeping Safe
Physical Education Games and sports- T-Ball and Ball Games	Physical Education Gymnastics Games and sports - Soccer	Physical Education Dane Fever & Dance Games and sports - Soccer	Physical Education Games and sports- Netball

Year 2 sport day is Wednesday. Mrs McGrath will teach the students a variety of skills during Physical Education lessons. Students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of daily fitness activities. Health and Personal Development units will be taught by Mrs Bosworth throughout the year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION

There are many forms of communication between school and home. Notes from home are to be handed to the class teacher in the morning. Please ensure your child is aware of any notes that you have placed in their bags. Any notes that are to be sent home will be put into the student's bag at the end of the day. We also encourage you to use the Skoolbag app as a form of communication.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school this absence needs to be explained the following day. The reason for the absence is then recorded on the electronic roll, which is a legal document. The explanation can be made via a note written to the teacher, an email to the school, Skoolbag App or a phone call to the school office.

PARENT HELPERS

At this stage we will not be requiring volunteer helpers. However should an occasion arise that we do, the class teacher will distribute a letter asking for volunteers.

All volunteers must ensure they have completed the online 'Building Child Safe Communities' modules. This can be accessed by logging onto: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>



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LIBRARY BORROWING

Year 2 – Wednesday. Children will need a library bag in order to borrow from the Library each week.

HOMEWORK

Homework differs from year to year. In Year 2, students are expected to **READ** every night. They can read any text they choose. Books/readers sent from school are just a courtesy. For mathematics the students will have access to an online website called 'StudyLadder'. This will have a range of tasks that your child can complete at their own pace. **While reading every night is an expectation, we understand that the families at Corpus Christi participate in a range of extracurricular and sporting activities. Homework needs to be part of a balanced week for your child and should not consume your week. Families can choose whether to do this work on pieces of paper, in a book or on technology (or in any other form appropriate).**

EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Geography Incursion-TBC	PDHPE - Gymnastics	PDHPE - Dance Fever Science Incursion - TBC	History Excursion- TBC

NUT AWARENESS POLICY & SHARING FOOD

Parents and children are reminded that the **sharing of food at school is discouraged**. We have a number of children with allergies and one way to prevent incidents is to not share food. **Please do not send extra food with your child to share**. We also request that you **do not give your children Peanut Butter or Nutella sandwiches or foods containing nuts or nut products for lunch or recess** - these foods in particular pose a high risk to some of our children. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

We are looking forward to working with you as partners in your child's education. If you wish to discuss with us any issues concerning your child, please see us an appropriate time or call the school office to arrange an interview. All parents will be invited to attend a half-yearly interview towards the end of Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year Two Teachers