Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday full of special family moments and relaxation.

Term 1 promises to be busy and productive, as we commence the sporting calendar with Swimming (8 yr old 50m swimmers) and school based Gymnastics, attend the Opening School Mass (today), prepare for Easter through the season of Lent, announce Term 1 Infant’s Leaders, Recycling, Green Team members and Sports Monitors, and get to know your fabulous children.

Parent & Teacher Meetings

Please note that all teachers at St. Edward’s have an ‘open door’ policy. If at any stage you would like to discuss your child, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher and make an appointment.

Books and Contact

All books were sent home last week to be covered. If they haven’t been covered, could they please be covered as soon as possible. We hope the contact was not too tricky and everyone survived this process.

Children have begun writing in them and are learning how to rule a 2cm margin and use the lines correctly. This is a tricky task!

Year 2 Leadership

Everyone is becoming familiar with classroom routines and are settling into steady work habits. We are encouraging all Year 2 students to become independent workers who are able to exhibit a high level of self control in the classroom and on the playground. As members of Year 2, your children are the leaders of the Infant’s campus and have been working hard to be good role models. Their first task has been to assist the Kindergarten students in becoming familiar with school routines and procedures. Year 2 are doing a wonderful job in helping all staff and Kindergarten families and we thank them sincerely.

Homework

‘Eddies Endeavour’s was sent home yesterday, along with Home Readers. Please be aware that the Homework Policy at St Edward’s will continue to be based around ‘Eddies Endeavour’. There are many different activities and challenges the children can accomplish. Please ensure your child also completes Spelling, Times Tables and Reading each week.

Learning Intentions

This year, staff and students will be approaching learning in a different and exciting way. Each week, class teachers will be setting Learning Intentions for their class. These learning intentions will help children focus on what they should be learning during that lesson. Each class will have 4 which target different curriculum areas, including English, Mathematics and Religious Education.

When your child comes home from school please try to encourage discussion about what the learning intention is in the class this week. Children will need lots of modelled discussion to begin with as they become familiar with talking and reflecting upon their own learning.

Parent Helpers

St. Edward’s is renowned for the number of dedicated parents helping in our classrooms. We invite all parents or grandparents to become involved, as it is exciting for all the children and very beneficial for your child.

If you would like to be a parent helper in the classroom or are able to complete tasks at home (cutting, gluing etc) please complete the note attached and return as soon as possible. Your class teacher will contact you when Parent help will start.

‘Eddies Endeavour’s books and Home Reader folder should be returned every Friday. This allows your class teacher to check your children’s work and change their readers. If there are any problems please contact your child’s teacher.

Reminders:

- St Edward’s School Twilight Swimming Carnival (Primary children only) Thursday February 12th
- Pupil Free Day Friday 13th February (due to Twilight Swimming Carnival the day before)
- Year 2 Gymnastics Friday 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 6th March, 13th March & 20th March.
- Ash Wednesday Infants Liturgy, Wednesday February 18th (Infants School Hall)
- Catholic Schools Week Monday 9th March Breakfast at the Primary and Infant’s Liturgy
- Parent Teacher Interviews, commencing Week 7, Monday 9th March
- St Patrick’s GREEN Buddy Day Monday 17th March (wear green) & attend Mass at 9.30am M.H.O.C
- Week 10 Easter Liturgies
- Last Day of Term: Thursday 2nd April
- School Cross Country, Monday 27th April
- Infants children School Photos Thursday 11th June
**Library Borrowing Times**

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Please ensure your child brings their Library bag & books to change each week.

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**Subject Areas**

**Religion**

In Religion this term we will be completing two units, "Images of God" and "Lent and Holy Week". There is a special emphasis on the stories that Jesus has told and the important messages that these stories convey to us as a faithful community. We would love for you to share these special stories from the Bible with your children at home.

**English**

Year 2 will be completing an author study based on Graeme Base, using his texts to explore visual literacy, new language, multimodal texts and assist children in developing a deeper understanding of what they have read. We will also be focusing on editing skills, decoding and fluency in Guided Reading. Editing skills include the correct use of full stops, capital letters, commas, question marks and correct spelling when writing sentences and texts. Please encourage the children to use these skills with written homework activities.

**Science: Implementation of new syllabus!**

The title of our new unit is called 'Push and Pull'. It asks students to explore different materials by observing and manipulating them using trial & error. Students will be learning about how an object moves on land, through water and air.

**Maths: Implementation of new syllabus!**

Maths will have a "hands on" approach in all areas and the children will participate in Count Me In Too games each week. Maths bags will be sent home regularly, with each child having the opportunity to take a bag home approximately once a term.

**PD/H/PE**

Year 2 will participate in many forms of exercise, including gymnastics, aerobics, fitness runs, relays, skipping and games. This term's Health and Personal Development unit is "My Beaut Body".

**HSIE**

The focus in HSIE this term is "Wet & Dry Environments". The children will examine different types of environments and explore how we can care for them. This work will link in with the author study we are completing in English.

**Creative Arts K-6**

Art will be covered in individual classes employing a variety of skills and resources. Work will be displayed in classrooms throughout the term, so please pop in to see your children in action! Children will also have fun with Music & Drama lessons. Mrs Cec Hankin will be teaching Art to all Year 2 children and Drama with 2E.

**Things children will need for 2015:**

Could you please ensure that your children have the following items so that they are ready for school each day:
- Sharp lead pencils, a rubber, and ruler
- Colours: pencils, wind up crayons and/or textas
- Paint Shirt
- Library Bag
- Glue Sticks

We are looking forward to a very productive and fun filled term. If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

**Labels**

Could you please make sure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labeled, including lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, jumpers and school jackets. This will help to prevent items from being lost or misplaced.

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**Absences**

If your child is absent from school for a full or part of the day, we need a written note explaining his/her absence for legal reasons. Please make sure you send a note in on the first day of your child's return to school. Thank you.

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