Welcome to Year Two. Your teachers this year are Mrs Cerniauskas and Mrs Hale (Thursday) in 2Blue and Mrs Smith in 2Gold. We are looking forward to working with your children. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion, please make an appointment to see us by sending a note or contacting the office.

Save the Date!

Library
Library Borrowing is every Thursday. We encourage everyone to borrow books every week!

Sport
Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework
Homework folders are to be returned every Friday.
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Lent: Being Alone. This unit focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent. It looks at ways in which we can find God within ourselves. Our second topic for the term is Easter Triduum: Never Alone. The students will be examining the prayerful aspect of Holy Week, focusing on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God His Father about His feelings, fears and problems. Our third unit is Easter Season: Jesus is with us. This unit gives the students the opportunity to share their family experiences of Easter. We will study post resurrection stories and explore the ways Jesus is with us today.

English

This year a major focus will be on reading. Everyone in Year 2 will participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading. During writing this term, we will be focusing on imaginative, informative, persuasive and personal texts. There will be an emphasis on sentence structure and basic punctuation.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term we will be focusing on efficient counting strategies; counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, from a variety of different numbers. We will also focus on mental addition and subtraction strategies such as number partners to 10 and 20, combining numbers that make 10, counting on and counting back.

We will also focus on other areas such as multiplication and division, patterns and 2D shapes.
**Geography**

This year we will be implementing the new Geography Syllabus for the first time. The focus for our first unit is the location of important places in our local community of Wentworthville and our connections with places inside and outside of our local community. The children will be learning how to interpret simple maps and to interpret and represent information using geographical tools such as tallies.

**Creative Arts**

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will be putting together a variety of art works that focus on the topic of red hats. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore every second Wednesday.

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education**

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on ways to get along with others. The children will have PE lessons with Mr. N Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.
General Information

Our **sport** days will be **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework is given weekly (starting Week 3: 8th Feb) The homework folders are due back at school every Friday.

Your child will bring home a class mascot. His name will be Flopsy (2Blue) or Wally (2Gold). We look forward to hearing your child’s adventures with him!

Guided reading books will be brought home everyday for the children to practise their reading. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are kept safe and returned to school each day for the children’s lessons.

Thanks to all parents who covered workbooks and sent along appropriate pencil cases and supplies for their children.

Goal setting interviews will be taking place later this term. This will be an opportunity for you to share information about your child to assist us in providing for them this year. We look forward to meeting with you.