Welcome back Year 2!

Welcome back to Year Two. Your teachers are Mrs Smith in 2Gold and Mrs Cerniauskas/Mrs Hale in 2Blue. We had a very busy Term Two and are delighted to be able to share some of our experiences with you in our photographs. We hope you enjoy our focus on flowers. Our Athletics Carnival gave yet another opportunity for the students to have fun and be active. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child, in an environment that continues to promote quality education whilst strongly upholding our Mercy and Carmelite values and traditions.

Save the Date!

**Library**
Library Borrowing is every Thursday. Don't forget your library bag.

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

**Homework**
Homework books are to be returned every Friday fortnight.
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 Reconciliation: Belonging To a Forgiving Community. This unit explores the experience of forgiveness. It introduces the students to the Sacrament of Penance where they will learn to pray the Act of Contrition.

Our second topic for the term is the Eucharist: Celebrating God’s love. The children will explore the significance of celebrating with a special meal. They will learn about the Last Supper and its significance in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Throughout the term we will have many opportunities to pray formal and informal prayers.

English

Year 2 will continue to participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading, with a focus on comprehension. During writing this term, we will be focusing on informative texts, looking at the many ways that we can inform people on a range of topics using diagrams, flow charts and writing. There will be an emphasis on sentence structure, labels, captions and precise language.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term we will be continuing to focus on efficient counting strategies and effective mental strategies for addition and subtraction as well as applying problem solving skills to multiplication and division. Exploring 2D and 3D shapes and the language of position will also be a focus this term.
Science and Technology

In Science and Technology this term we will be focusing on the theme of change. Students will explore changes in weather and the environment, the way materials change through combining and mixing and how this affects the choices we make in everyday materials for particular purposes.

Human Society and Its Environment

Our next HSIE unit will take place in Term 4. The unit will be ‘Our Families: Past and Present’.

Creative Arts

Our Visual Art lessons will focus on the theme ‘Under the Sea’. The children will be examining artworks by Claude Monet. They will then use a variety of techniques and materials to create pieces of work that will combine to produce a major artwork reflecting the theme. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore on Wednesdays.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on keeping safe around medicines and chemicals.

The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Nick 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.

The students will continue to bring home their class mascot at various times throughout the term. The response by the students to Patch and Chester’s adventures has been fantastic. We would ask that you continue to encourage your child to record their time with their class mascot in writing, pictures, photos etc and remember to bring them back to school the next day.

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 student’s lessons.