

2019 Year 2 Class Handbook



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Pam Treasure & Sam Lord

Year 2 Teaching Team



Sam Lord: Hello my name is Sam Lord. I am super excited to be working here with the wonderful team at Immanuel. I have been teaching for seven years working at a number of Lutheran schools throughout the Barossa Valley. I have had the opportunity to teach students from various year levels and have also have taught specialist lessons in Sport. My wife is also a teacher and we have a beautiful daughter named Madison. We have an adored Kelpie puppy named Gracie. She is very spoilt and is more of a princess than a working dog. Some of my interests are fishing, camping and 4WDing. I love the great outdoors and time to connect with nature and explore this beautiful country we are lucky to live in. My most exciting and fascinating opportunities have been going overseas learning about cultures and customs. I also enjoy watching the footy and barracking for my favorite football club the Adelaide Crows.



Pam Treasure: I am very pleased to be continuing my teaching journey at Immanuel Gawler. My name is Pam Treasure and I feel fortunate to have had many various teaching experiences across many year levels and schools throughout the West coast from Preschool, Junior Primary and Primary levels. My first Lutheran school was Navigator College, Port Lincoln where I thrived being in an IB school loving the inquiry approach to learning. I grew up on the Eyre Peninsula in a small town called Tumby Bay and have two brothers who are also teachers. My younger brother is a teacher in Adelaide and my older brother is a teacher in Port Lincoln. My parents are retired and still live in the house I grew up in Tumby Bay. My pet cocker spaniel is my baby and he enjoys his beach walks at home and now around the duck ponds at Mawson Lakes. My interests are visiting the beach, walking my dog, visiting friends and travelling with my fiancé Scott. This year will be an exciting year as we are expecting our first child.

Weekly Overview

Banking is on **Tuesday**. Students are to place their bank books into the message box first thing in the morning.

- Worship and Praise is each **Friday** morning at **9:00am**. It would be great if you could join us. These are led by classes, parish pastors, special guests and teachers. You will be informed when our class is presenting Worship and Praise through our Monday email updates.
- Both classes have Sport on Thursdays and Music on Tuesday. In Semester 1 students will also do an hour of I.T on Thursday and in Semester 2 this time will be replaced to LOTE.
- **Sports uniform is to be worn Monday, Thursday and Friday**. Class fitness will also take place on these days.
- **Library** day is **Wednesday**. Please ensure students have a library bag for borrowing each week. We encourage students to borrow and make use of the wide range of books we have access to in the library.
- **Assembly**

Camp: Narnu Farm

In Term 1 Week 10 we will be going to Narnu Farm (Hindmarsh Island) for a one night stay. This positive experience will promote cooperation, independence and build the relationships in our year 2 community. Our camp links in with our Inquiry units on peaceful communities and the design and management of spaces.

Learning at home

The IB cites the following as the key elements of a good learning program: Knowledge, Skills, Concepts, Attitudes and Action and so the Homework/'Learning at Home' routine for our Grade 2 level this term will also focus on the following Skills/Attitudes and Actions...

Reading – In Year 2 we strongly encourage our students to read nightly. Reading with children sets them up for success. The more they read the more knowledge they absorb, and this knowledge is important in all aspects of life. Here are some tips:

10 Great Tips To Help Your Child With Reading

1. Tell your child what the book is about before they start reading. This helps them to make meaningful guesses and understand what they are reading.
2. Encourage your child to look at the pictures.
3. Be excited when your child reads a book really easily. Easy reading is good for children and encourages them to read more and more. The level of reader is not important.
4. Read the book to them if they are finding it really hard.
5. Talk with your child about what is happening in the book.
6. When they come to an unknown word, ask them to re-read the sentence and have a guess.
7. If they have had 'a try' at a word and still don't know it, just tell them the word and keep reading.

8. When they don't know a word 'Pause' then give a quick 'Prompt' and then 'Praise' for good reading. It's ok to tell them the word once they had a try.

9. Ask if their guess 'Makes Sense'.

10. Ask them to look for parts of words i.e. sh/op and c/at. This is much better than asking them to say individual sounds s-h-o-p. This is called 'sounding out' and it is not a good strategy for reading as it interrupts fluency.

Spelling – each week students will generate their own short spelling list from our weekly sound blend and high frequency words. Spelling tests occur on Wednesdays and new sound blends are introduced every Thursday. To consolidate the learning of these words we encourage them to be practiced at home as part of their homework routine.

We also send home for homework some short tasks that link in with our learning in Math, Inquiry or Literacy.

Daily Routines

Students are expected to be at school by **8:50am**. This is when they prepare themselves for the day ahead. In Year 2 we encourage students to prepare **themselves** for the day ahead and to slowly become more independent. Class time will begin at **9am** followed by our daily reading program (Monday-Thursday). Parents are welcome to support our reading program. On Monday our classes will join for Year 2 weekly meetings and devotions at 9:20am.

Brain food

Brain Food is to consist of fresh or dried fruit pieces or vegetable pieces. Please ensure that it is cut up into manageable pieces. Class teachers will designate a suitable time in the day for students to enjoy a healthy snack.

Drinks in the classroom

Students should bring a filled drink bottle to school everyday (water only).

Communication

We value respectful communication with parents. Whilst face to face communication is the best form we understand that due to certain circumstances it may not be possible. If this is the case, then we recommend communicating via email. For significant concerns, please make an appointment. Unless scheduled, morning catch-ups are often difficult as the teacher's priorities are getting ready for the day.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or concerns. Concerns need to be addressed sooner rather than later, so an appointment time enables us to give your concern our full attention.

If you know in advance that your child will be late or away from school please communicate with your child's teacher explaining the reason. If in the morning, please communicate with the office.

Teachers regularly use See Saw to communicate your child's learning. We encourage you to sign up to allow this communication.

Behaviour Education

Within our classroom we will be focusing on students' positive behaviour. It is important to recognise those students who respect each other and themselves by following the class essential agreement. Please see our managing student behaviour policy and procedure document. We use Class Dojo as a positive reinforcement tool.

Toys/ electrical devices/ Stationery

Toys are not to be bought to school as they are a distraction to their learning and can cause anxiety if they are lost or damaged. Toys include electrical entertainment devices, sport equipment, soft toys, trading cards and stationery items that are not part of the school pack.

Who else is involved in your child's learning?

- LOTE: Mrs Rachel Siviour (Semester 2)
- Music: Mr Dwayne Hueppauff
- Sport: Mrs Rachel Siviour
- LSO (Lutheran Schools Officer):
- IT : Richie Cochrane (Semester 1)

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Special Events

Please check our Monday email updates weekly for specific Year 2 class information and our school website www.ilsg.sa.edu.au for newsletters, updates and changes.

All the best for 2019!

Pam and Sam