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2024 Year 2
Class Handbook

Stacey Cooper and Sam Lord

Dear Year 2 Families,

Welcome to our Year 2 learning community! We are delighted to have you join us as we learn together this year.

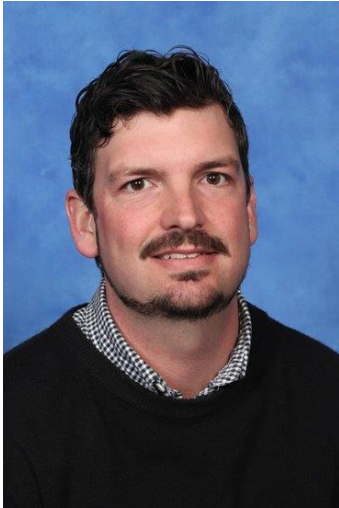
This note is designed as a reference point for some beginning information to help you get settled into 2023.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions. We look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the year.

We will also send home a short survey to help get to know your child and family better. You are welcome to email a photo of your responses or return the hard copy to school.

Kind regards,

Sam Lord and Stacey Cooper



Introduction

In 2023 a strategic plan was developed and as a result of this process, which involved the school community, the following values were created; Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork. To promote our core values of Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork, our behaviour management policy is guided by the principles of; respect, safety, learning, care and kindness.

These words will be unpacked at a class level and over the coming days, weeks and months these will form an integral part of our school culture.

Year Level Information

Communication

- We will be sharing our learning regularly through **Seesaw**, as well as Year 2 general information. Please ensure you check it regularly.
- **Operoo**– This is our main way of managing permissions and consents for excursions. The school will be making some changes so that it is more user friendly as a response to feedback we've received.

- **Weekly Updates** – These will also be via Operoo this year. This will detail our homework for the week, including Year 2 updates and reminders about upcoming events.
- **Email-** We understand meeting face to face is not always possible, in which case email is the next best option. Our email addresses are...

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Daily Routines

- School begins promptly at 8:50am. The morning is an essential part of the day for children to get themselves organised and prepared for their learning. Important literacy lessons are often taught in the morning which is why we encourage all children to be on time.
- Late Arrivals/Early Departures – please sign in at the office if you are late to school (after 9am) and ensure you sign out at the office if leaving early (before 3:25pm). Please communicate with us if you are planning to pick your child up early so that we can prepare them for this and allow less disruption of whole-class learning.
- The daily timetable has changed this year. Students will have a brain break at 10.05am which includes time to have a snack. Lunch will be at 12 with eating time following play at 12.30pm. In the afternoon there will be a play break at 2.10pm.

- Brain Food and Water – please pack a healthy snack (fresh/dried fruit or vegetables) and a NAMED water bottle each day.
- Nut Aware – please remember we are a ‘nut aware’ school.
- After School Pick-Up – It is important to have an organised location for your child to meet you after school. Each day we receive an IGOSH booking list and will communicate who will be in IGOSH that afternoon.

Who else is involved in your child’s learning?

- LOTE: Mrs Charmaine Strickland (Tuesday)
- Music: Mr. Dwayne Hueppauff (Tuesday)
- Sport: Mr Richie Cochrane (Thursday)
- Art: Mrs Kayla Kreymborg (Thursday)
- Technology: Mr Glynn Morgan (Tuesday with classroom teachers)
- LSA (Learning Support Assistant): Mrs Jess Buckler
- SAKG (Kitchen Garden Program): Mr Andrew Tiller (Wednesday)
- Wellbeing: Heidi Gogoll and Rosie (Wellbeing Dog)
- Ministry Leader: Will Knott
- Mr Andrew Tiller will also be teaching a couple of lessons a week in Year 2 Cooper this year as Stacey works on whole-school literacy development.

Library

All Year 2 children will need to bring a library bag on THURSDAYS for our library borrowing.

Important Dates...

Worship & Praise – *Every Friday 10:30am in Taikondi*

- *Year 2 Lord will be presenting Worship in Term 2, Week 4.*
- *Year 2 Cooper will be presenting Worship in Term 3, Week 4.*

Assembly – *Monday 2:30pm in weeks 4 & 8 of each term*

- *We will be presenting as a Year 2 cohort in Term 1, Week 8.*

iPads

This year we are excited to share that children in Year 2 will have 1:1 ipads. These are school property and will be kept at school. An ICT Acceptable User Agreement will be sent home shortly via Operoo, which needs to be signed by the students and a parent/caregiver.

We aim to educate our students to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT. Foundation to Year 3 expectations include;

- Making good choices
- Being safe
- Being kind
- Asking for help

Keeping Safe Curriculum

This year Immanuel will be continuing with the Keeping Safe Curriculum from Foundation to Year 6. This curriculum covers 4 main topics...

- The right to be safe
- Relationships
- Recognising and reporting abuse
- Protective strategies

These topics are covered in a way that is appropriate for each age group. Please get in touch if you would like more information about this curriculum, or reach out to a member of leadership if you have any concerns or queries.

Homework

Our approach to homework focuses on how to best support student learning and how best to support parents. We recognise there are a variety of family situations schedules and views on homework throughout the school. We value reading at home and will provide tasks for students which support their learning at school. This will include a mix of literacy, numeracy or inquiry tasks.

- Homework in Year 2 is mainly focused on consolidating reading skills and reading for enjoyment and practice. We encourage all children to read for at least 10 minutes per night aloud to an adult who can check for meaning and accuracy.
- In addition to reading, there may also be some spelling skills, maths games or Unit of Inquiry activities suggested, including a focus on our weekly Heart Words.
- All homework instructions will be provided in our Weekly Update email each Monday and in your child's Home Learning book.

Camp

Our Year 2 camp will be held in Week 2 of Term 4 at AFL Max. The purpose of this camp is to create a fun and enjoyable first camp experience that builds independence and resilience. On the camp, the children will be learning about wellbeing, nutrition and how to live a healthy lifestyle.

The cost of this camp will be communicated to you later in the year once we have confirmed numbers and bus prices.