



St Anthony's Primary School

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Welcome to Year 2 – 2020

2G Mrs Charlene Sheraton, 2W Miss Caitlin Dooley and Mrs Christina Nubla

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome the children and their families to Year 2 for 2020. Mrs Sheraton, Miss Dooley and Mrs Nubla are so excited to be your teachers and can't wait to work with you for the next 12 months! Miss Caitlin Dooley has been appointed Leader of Learning - Digital Technologies for 2020. As part of this co-ordinator role, Miss Dooley will be out of class each Friday and Mrs Nubla will teach the class on this day.

We are looking forward to having a positive, engaging and rewarding year. We believe that children are the best learners they can be when they possess the five learner profile qualities. We can't wait to create a classroom environment that provides many opportunities for learners at St Anthony's to grow. You and your child will be working equally hard to make this year a successful and rewarding experience. One thing we are especially looking forward to is how we will be using technology as a tool in our space to develop innovative and creative students who are problem solvers.

All students will have access to class stationery and workbooks as covered by the school Resource Fee. In addition, it is necessary for children to manage their own set of essential personal stationery items for their daily use (see list below).

In preparation for Year 2, we would like all children to have the following items. Please keep in mind that these things do not need to be new - pencils etc from this year would be great to use again for next year. Please ensure that any personal items are clearly LABELLED with your child's name. This encourages personal responsibility and ensures that lost items can be recovered and returned easily.

- Personal Stationery (small sized pencil case with two lead pencils, coloured pencils or crayons and sharpener)
- Two glue sticks
- 1 box of tissues (As a part of a class supply)
- 2 packs of baby wipes (As a part of a class supply)
- Earphones or headphones (Inexpensive variety to be used with iPads)
- Library bag (Available from Uniform Shop)
- Note Bag (Polly Wally from last year)

Some of these items may need to be replenished throughout the year and this will be communicated to you as necessary.



In the first few weeks of 2020, we will be sending home exercise books for covering. Could you please cover these in clear contact or plastic and label them with your child's name, class and the book name.

As you are aware, the Seesaw app is the way that teachers, students and parents communicate with each other about grade based information and student learning. This year, we have subscribed to Seesaw for Schools so the end of year processes for your child's Seesaw account will look different. You will no longer need to archive your child's account at the end of this year. Instead, you will be invited to your child's new SeeSaw account once this has been successfully set up. There will be more information about this as necessary. This is a really exciting upgrade that will allow you to keep a digital journey of your child's learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Important dates for next year:

Wednesday 29 January – MAI testing day. Please see accompanying letter to book a time for a Mathematics Assessment Interview for your child with their teacher. This one day has been set aside especially for this assessment. It is very important that an interview time is made for each child.

Thursday 30 January – Years 1-6 return to school for normal classes

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity in us all. These school holidays, we are encouraging all students to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge and read, read, read! If your child is interested in entering this competition and be in the chance to win a Google Chromebook, see details on how to enter the challenge. <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Whats-On/EDSRC>

We hope that your upcoming break will be a very special time for you and your family. Christmas time is about the coming of Jesus into our world. It is a time of love and sharing and also a time for little acts of kindness. This could be as simple as giving someone a hug or a compliment, getting in touch with a relative or family friend or donating a Christmas present to charity. We hope that this becomes the central part of your celebrations.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to meeting you in 2020. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards,

Mrs Charlene Sheraton, Miss Caitlin Dooley and Mrs Christina Nubla
Year 2 Team

