Welcome to 2M!

Welcome to 2014! My name is Mr MacVean and I am the classroom teacher of 2M, and also the Assistant Principal responsible for our K-2 classes. 2M is a Stage 1 class with 20 students. In our class we currently have 8 boys and 12 girls.

It has been terrific meeting many of you at our Meet the Teacher BBQ and also just in passing at the start and end of each day as you drop off and collect your children. When you have the time, please come and introduce yourself to me as it is very valuable to ensure we have great communication between home and school.

Units of Work Term 1

In addition to English and Mathematics, 2M will also be undertaking the following units of work in Term 1:

- Human Society in Its Environment (H.S.I.E) – ‘Families, Past and Present’
- Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (P.D.H.P.E)
  - Life Education,
  - Positive Behaviour for Learning,
  - Sun & Bike Safety.

Homework

Homework in 2M is given on a weekly basis every Monday, and is due each Friday. It is designed to allow students to revise and build upon the learning that has taken place in the classroom the previous week. It also serves as a valuable tool encouraging good study habits which will become particularly important as they continue their schooling through their later years.

Classroom Reward System

A major component of our classroom reward system is an electronic behavior management tool known as ‘Class DoJo’. 2M students can earn positive points for demonstrating their commitment to the school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (P.B.L) values of being a Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learner.

The student with the most DoJo points each day wins the title of ‘Class DoJo champion’. Mr MacVean also chooses 1 further student each day to receive the ‘Captains Pick’ encouragement award. Please look out for further information about how you can access your students individual Class DoJo records.

Special events for 2M in Term 1

- ‘Dance to Fit’ Time
  Wednesday 12:00-12.40
- Our Library day is
  Tuesday 11.30-12.10
- Our Music Time is every
  2nd Friday (Wks 5,7,9,11)
  11:30am-12:30pm
- Our Scripture day is
  Tuesday 9:30am-10:00am
- Our Banking day is
  every Friday
- R.F.F Time (Release from Face to Face Teaching) is
  Monday 11.30-12.30
  Tuesday 12:30-1:30
  Wednesday 2:00-3:00
- Life Education Week 8

We are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNERS
**EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

To ensure that your child has the necessary equipment for school, please check the following list:

* Pencil case
* Lead pencils, sharpener, and eraser
* Coloured pencils (& textas if desired)
* Glue stick(s)
* Library bag
* Pump soap / Tissues
* Positive attitude!

---

**Release form Face to Face (RFF)**

In Term 1, Miss Daly will provide assistance to 2M when Mr MacVean attends to his R.F.F responsibilities as both teacher and Assistant Principal. During these times, Miss Daly will lead the class in developing essential and critical Mathematical skills through the teaching of the TENS program. Miss Daly will also assist teaching this term’s units in Human Society in Its Environment (H.S.I.E) as well as some of our Creative Arts components.

**Library**

Our library day in Term 1 takes place every Tuesday from 11:30am-12:10pm. Students in 2M are strongly encouraged to make borrowing (and therefore reading) an absolute priority as reading skills greatly contribute to success not only at school but in life.

To borrow from the school library, students are requested to bring along a suitable library bag in order to take good care of the books they borrow.

---

**Mathletics / ABC Reading Eggs**

In 2014, our school has again generously subscribed to the wonderful ‘Mathletics’ and ‘ABC Reading Eggs’ educational programs in order to give our students free access. Both of these programs have proven highly successful in engaging students in the very important skills of learning to read and working mathematically. Your child has now been given password access to these programs and has begun using them in their classroom. We further encourage students (where possible) to access these programs regularly from home in order to enhance their learning. Should you have any queries about ‘Mathletics’ or ‘Reading Eggs’, please don’t hesitate to contact Mr MacVean.

---

**Contacting the School**

If you have any issues or concerns you would like to discuss about your child, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment by phoning 4729 0392, or call in and see your child’s classroom teacher before or after school.

It is very important to advise the school of any concerns you may have so they can be handled promptly and professionally.