

# Welcome to 2/3V

Dear Parents,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child/ren to 2/3V. I am honoured and thrilled to be working here at Wallacia PS again this year with such a fantastically talented and dedicated group of professionals. We have a jam-packed year of learning and fun planned. Your child will be engaged in a range of specifically programmed learning experiences throughout the year.

## **English** - Reading/Writing/Speaking and Listening

Students will participate in a balanced literacy block each day. This will consist of:

**Reading** – In 2/3V students will be encouraged to continue to develop their love of reading through a variety of teacher 'read aloud' novels and story books specifically targeted to their age, ability and concepts being studied. Guided reading groups will be determined via students assessed reading levels and students will be grouped accordingly.

**Writing** – We implement the Seven Steps to Writing Success into our writing program. Students will participate in modelled, guided and independent writing lessons each day. Writing lessons will also focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation. Lessons will also include how to write informative, persuasive and descriptive texts. Students will also be engaged in a weekly handwriting lesson using the NSW Foundation Style Handwriting.

**Speaking and Listening** - will include a variety of activities including, partner, group and whole class discussions, recitations and presentations to peers and also Squiz Kids (a news program written and presented especially for children).

**Literacy groups** – are primarily integrated during guided reading time. These planned learning experiences will engage students in activities such as practising their spelling words (both from the class focus list and their independent writing), word work, writing, reading to self, read to others and listening to reading.

## **Mathematics** – Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability

Students will participate in the Mathematics block each day. Counting, whole number, revision and problem solving are undertaken daily. Students are then engaged in explicit teaching of the mathematical focus for the lesson. In order to practice and reinforce this concept students undertake small group guided lessons with the teacher, alongside independent and small group investigations.

At Wallacia PS we also use the *Mathletics* and *Essential Assessment* computer-based programs to compliment the in-class mathematics program.

**MAPPEN** - Education learning sequences are designed to ensure content from other key learning areas are taught throughout the year. These key learning areas include:

- Science and Technology
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Human Society and Its Environment including both Geography and History.

**Sport**– Students will be engaged in a structured sports lesson each week. It would be great if you can ensure your child comes to school 'Sun Safe' each day but especially on Fridays - sunscreen, hat and water bottle are highly recommended. During the warmer months, in particular, we try to ensure that sport is held before the heat of the day sets in.

**Homework** – Homework is designed in an electronic format in order to continue to build the technological skills that your child needs for future study and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Homework is available each Friday morning, in our Google Classroom, ready for the following week. This allows families to plan and set aside homework times that work for you. The homework grid is designed to allow for revision of content and concepts covered

in class and also to allow flexibility to engage your children and to fit into very busy family life. Your child may complete as few or as many of the activities on the homework grid as you choose. Each block on the grid may simply be ticked off as it is completed. Any task requiring written work may be typed directly into the grid or following the grid on the Google doc. Homework is due to be turned in in the Google Classroom on Friday mornings, but of course your child may 'turn in' their homework at any time throughout the week.

**Library** - Lessons at present will be held on Mondays. Your child will need to bring their library bag with them on this day. Alternatively, they may use a sturdy shopping bag. Pillowslips also make great alternatives if you don't have a library bag handy.

**Scripture** – Will be held on Tuesdays from 12:50-1:20pm. Both Catholic and Protestant classes are available. If you would like your child to begin attending please call the school office and we can arrange this.

**Behaviour Expectations** – Students of 2/3V follow our school PBL values of being 'Safe, Respectful, Learners'. We have developed some rules together as a class to assist students to remember what they need to be doing. SAFE: move around the room safely, use equipment safely. RESPECTFUL: Raise your hand to speak, not speaking when others are speaking, respecting all property. LEARNERS: trying our best in everything we do, taking pride in all our work.

**Birthdays** – We love to celebrate birthdays in 2/3V. Please note that due to allergies and COVID restrictions birthday cakes **MUST BE NUT FREE**, store bought and individually wrapped. At present we have 18 students in our class (but it's often safe to include an extra cake or two).

**Wet weather** - During wet weather students either go the library, a classroom or have some play time under the Cola area for break times.

**Illness** - Should your child become sick and be unable to attend school, you can either ring the school or reply to the school SMS system to inform us. Alternatively, on his/her return, you can write a brief note to the class teacher, explaining the nature of the illness and the date away. You must contact the school immediately of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, chicken pox, measles, German measles, mumps, whooping cough or conjunctivitis and impetigo.

**Assemblies** - We hold Assemblies and special events throughout the year. Assemblies for Term 1 will be on Fridays in Week 5 and 7 (26/02 & 12/03) starting at 2.15pm in the library. We will then hold assemblies in Week 3, 5 and 7 of each term, except term 4, which will only be week 3 & 5.

Term 1 Assemblies: 26/02 & 12/03 – these will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Term 2 Assemblies: 07/05, 21/05 & 04/06

Term 3 Assemblies: 30/07, 13/08 & 27/08

Term 4 Assemblies: 22/10 & 05/11

**Visiting the school** - Anyone visiting the school must visit the front office and our friendly office staff will assist with any enquiries. The DoE directs that if parents enter the school grounds then they must sign in the visitor's book in the office and also use the QR Code to log their presence online.

**What do I do if my child is late for school?** - School begins at 9:00am. All students arriving after 9.00am are to go to the office to collect a late note which must be handed to the class teacher.

**What do I do if I have to pick up my child early?** - All early leavers must be signed out of the office prior to being collected from classrooms. In the interest of the safety of students, teachers are required to sight the early leavers note before releasing students from class.

**How does the school deal with medical issues?** - The school needs to be aware of any medical conditions that affect its students prior to enrolment or immediately following any change. This includes asthma, anaphylaxis and other allergies. The school will develop a health care plan for students with serious or life-threatening conditions that require management at the school level.

The children have settled into our class very well and we are all excited for the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Van Vliet

