



# St Finbar's Primary School

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Dear Families of Stage 2,

2017 is going to be a fantastic year. We have a fantastic team of teachers, who work tirelessly to ensure your child has the best opportunities to achieve their personal best.

Year 4 will have numerous support networks, to help them be successful. Mrs Maunder will be in class Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Borg will be in the classroom on Thursdays. Everyday the classroom will have a Teacher's Aide, Mrs Robinson, as well as support for Literacy during the morning on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs Shean.

Year 3 will also have 2 teachers supporting their learning, Mr Ticehurst and Mrs Shean.

We look forward to working with you to build a positive partnership to support your child's growth.

The learning overview for this term is below.

## **Religious Education**

During the Year the children will attend whole school and Parish Mass. The units of work are from the Sharing Our Story document, Parramatta Diocese. During Term 1 we will be covering:

<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	<b><u>Year 4</u></b>
Jesus Shares His Gifts Lent: Reaching Out Journeying With Jesus	Talking and Listening to God Lent: Promises and Practices Easter Triduum Passover

## **English:**

A structured and uninterrupted English session will occur each day. During this time the children will be actively engaged in Literacy activities that are appropriate to their ability. Learning tasks will include: spelling and word study activities, Guided Reading groups and activities, Independent and Peer-reading, Grammar activities, Speaking and Listening tasks, Shared Reading, Comprehension activities, Visual Literacy and Handwriting.

The children will continue to explore Modelled, Shared, Guided and Independent Writing this term. We will be writing for a variety of purposes and audiences in order to persuade, inform and entertain. During Term 1 the students in Stage Two will be exploring a range of imaginative texts (narratives and poetry) in both reading and writing time. We will be using a range of quality literature texts to explore the techniques of effective writers.

**Library borrowing day will be on Thursday.** Your assistance in reminding your children to bring their library books in a library bag is appreciated.

### **Mathematics:**

A Mathematics block will occur each day and during this time the students will be engaged in applying a range of strategies to number, algebra, patterns, data, space and geometry and measurement tasks. They will be encouraged and supported to work co-operatively and independently to develop a strong sense of number through the acquisition of mental strategies. During Term 1 the following concepts will be covered:

- The House of Needs and Wants - Whole Number - Addition and Subtraction - Decimals
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Position, Shapes and Data

### **Geography and Science**

Students will undertake a Project Based Learning investigation on Warragamba Dam. Students will take on the role of a resource developer for The Warragamba Dam Visitor Centre. This centre is an interactive environment, where learners should be able to interact with physical objects that help them learn about who built Warragamba Dam and how it effected, and connected, to our environment, so that we can understand the relationships between people and place? This will be their task, to develop resources that answer this driving question.

### **Personal Development, Health and Physical Education:**

This term our unit is Me and My Mates. We will be looking at the rights and responsibilities the children have at home and at school. This unit also focuses on dealing with conflict and finding solutions that are a win for all parties. The Bounce Back program, which is a whole school focus, supports and enhances this unit.

### **Home Study and Brain Building**

Homework should be approximately 20 minutes daily. This should include Reading, Spelling, Religion, Literacy and Maths activities. It will be in the form of a homework sheet that seeks to support class work and develop other life skills.

Homework should be returned on the due date even if it has not been completed.

### **Absence Notes**

Please remember that in the case of an absence from school to write a note for the attendance roll. This also includes extended family holidays, where a form must be forwarded to Mrs McFazdean prior to the holiday. You can pick this up from the front Office.

### **Uniform**

Monday to Thursday, full school uniform is to be worn. Friday is sports day and sports uniform needs to be worn. Please ensure your child brings their hat each day to school.

### **Resources**

Please ensure that you check and replenish your child's pencil case throughout the term. Stationery is easily lost and glue sticks are used up quickly.

### **Crunch and Sip**

Please provide your child with fresh fruit or veggies cut up into small pieces daily.

### **Stage 2 SOLE**

S2SOLE is our Stage 2 St Finbar's Online LEarning Environment. This site will allow you to access our learning overview for the Term. We will also upload any relevant resources and homework sheets to this site.

<https://sites.google.com/a/parra.catholic.edu.au/s2sole/home>

Mrs Maunder, Mrs Shean, Mrs Borg & Mr Ticehurst