



## *YEAR 2 Parent Information Guide*

Welcome to Castle Cove for what we know will be an exciting year of learning. We especially welcome all Year 2 families and students who are new to our school, and hope that that you and your children have settled in well.

### **Contact Information:**

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If you have any concerns or wish to make an appointment for a meeting please email class teachers directly. Any urgent matters can also be communicated to the office. Please note that our school staff meetings are scheduled on Monday mornings, Wednesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. We will usually be available for meetings outside of those times.

### **General Organisation**

#### **Birthdays**

If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with the class, please bring in cupcakes, biscuits, ice blocks etc to share as these are easier to distribute. When providing treats for your child's birthday, please be mindful of students with allergies. Individually wrapped items such as ice-blocks and small packets of popcorn are often very popular birthday treats. We promote a nut-free environment at CCPS.

#### **Library**

Please make sure that your child has their library bag on the day their class will be visiting the library for a lesson and to borrow books of interest to read at home for pleasure.

#### **Scripture and Ethics**

Scripture (combined Protestant, Catholic, Jewish) and Ethics lessons take place each Wednesday. Students whose parents do not elect a Scripture or Ethics group for them will go to non-Scripture, where they will be supervised by a teacher.

### **School Reward System**

Castle Cards, Merit Certificates and A-Day Awards are given throughout the year. Once your child receives 10 Castle Cards, please return them to the class teacher in a named envelope/zip lock bag, for a Merit Certificate (this will be handed out in class). 10 Merits (include any A Day awards) earn a Bronze Award, another 10, a Silver Award and a following 10, earns a Gold Award. This award system continues throughout a student's school life at Castle Cove.

### **Attendance/Late Arrival and Early Leaving**

If for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, please log their absence on the Parent Sentral app as soon as possible. If you are unable to access the Sentral app please email or phone the office. An explanation of any absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of that absence, as school rolls are legal documents.

If your child is late to school (i.e. after 9.25am) or has to leave early, (i.e. before 3.25pm) a 'Late Arrival' or 'Early Leavers' note must be obtained from the school office.

### **Timetable and Routines for Year 2**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>8:40am</b> <i>Staff Meeting</i>		<b>8:30-9:15</b> <i>Grade meeting</i>		
	<b>9:25 – 10:45</b> Science (Mrs Rao) 2S Science		<b>9:25 – 11:25</b> 2L/ 2P Library	<b>9:25am</b> Year 2 Sport
<b>10:45 – 11:25</b> 2P Science	<b>10:45 – 11:25</b> 1 / 2 G Science		<b>10.45-11.25</b> 2S / Library 1/2G Science	
<b>12:30-1:10</b> 1/2G Library	<b>10:45 – 11:25</b> 2E Library	<b>12:00pm</b> K-2 Scripture	<b>11.50-1.10</b> SISA- even weeks	
		<b>3.30pm</b>		

		Professional Development Meeting		
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## Homework

### Reading

All students are required to read at home daily for 10-20 minutes. In Years 2-6, as they become more independent, students may read silently or aloud. Home Readers for levels 1-30 are borrowed from the classroom. Students will borrow and return 2-3 readers for the week every Monday. Wushka is an online reading resource that helps parents access additional home readers if your child is keen for extra reading.

An Usborne reader (sometimes referred to as a weekend reader) for you to read to your child, is also issued weekly. Reading to your child is also proven to foster a love of reading in young children.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

This is compulsory for all students. Students are expected to borrow and record the books they have read online. Year 2 are encouraged to participate in the 3-4 challenge.

*The Castle Cove Public School's Homework Policy is currently being updated and will be posted on our school's website soon.*

## English

### Literacy Groups

Year 2 students will participate in Literacy Groups 3-4 times per week. During these lessons, students will be working in small groups focusing on all aspects of literacy including spelling, phonics, sight words, vocabulary and grammar activities. Students will work closely with their teacher reading and learning about texts according to their reading levels. These texts are at a higher level than the readers they bring home.

### Shared Reading

During shared reading sessions, students will be engaged in lessons using quality literature. These lessons model appropriate reading strategies, focus on language conventions, grammar, increase vocabulary knowledge and explore themes. Writing lessons are often linked to the themes and skills demonstrated during shared reading. Classes will complete the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) by the teacher reading texts from the PRC booklist as part of our shared reading program.

### Phonics and Vocabulary

Phonics tasks are differentiated to cater for varying needs of students. Phonics representations and focuses for the week will be communicated via weekly emails. Mathematical language and vocabulary development will be a focus during English lessons.

## Mathematics:

Term 1 focus areas:

Number & Algebra	Measurement & Geometry	Statistics & Probability
Whole Numbers Place Value Addition and Subtraction Patterns and Algebra	Length 2D Space Time	Data

## Human Society and its Environment (HSIE)

### Geography

Students in Year 2 will learn about the natural features of different places. They will investigate how places are managed and cared for and discuss the connections people have to different places.

### History

Students in Year 2 will learn to identify and describe significant people, events, places and sites in the local community. They will also investigate changing technology on people's lives and pose questions about the past. Students will develop a narrative about the past using a range of texts.

## Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

The Sports in Schools (SISA) team will be conducting fortnightly lessons to develop the students' fundamental movement skills and their ability to participate effectively in physical education. Please note that students are to wear full, regular school uniform (including black shoes) and not sports uniform on this day.

In Personal Development and Health, students will learn about safety, health, active lifestyles, growth and development and relationships.

In Term 4, Year 2 will participate in a 2-week swimming program at Carlile Swimming Pool, Castle Cove.

## Science and Technology

Science will be taught by Anjali Rao this year and she will cover 4 topics throughout the year. This term, students will study a unit on habitats.

Students have access to iPads and laptops to use in the classroom. In addition, there are desktop computers available in all classrooms and computer lab. Students will develop their understanding of Digital Citizenship and how to be safe online. STEM and coding activities will form part of the technology focus. Seesaw will be Year 2's learning platform.

## Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA):

Students will participate in visual arts, music, drama and dance activities throughout the year.

**As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.**

Kind Regards,

Anne Palmer, Eleni Gardner, Robyn Sullivan, Kerry Montgomery, Jacquie Bakker