

Welcome to Grade 2!

Well it has certainly been a busy start to 2025! The children are settling into their new routines and we are enjoying these early stages of getting to know them all.

Literacy

This term in writing we will be focusing on following the Writers Workshop approach. Students will be building on the foundations of the program they would have been following last year. They will be working on a variety of writing genres.

In spelling students will be investigating why spelling is important, what spelling strategies they can use and will be partaking in word inquiry.

For reading students will continue to develop their knowledge of a variety of reading strategies explored through the CAFÉ reading program.

Mathematics

Our maths focus will be counting and sequencing numbers and developing place value. We will also look at the features of 2D and 3D shapes and the language of location.

Integrated Studies

This term we are doing a Geography unit called 'We All Share One World'. Students will look at the location of Australia, its states and territories, capital cities and famous landmarks. We will also learn each of the continents, find out where some of our families have come from and look at places we may have visited on a world map.

Compass & Class Dojo

All teachers at TBPS use Compass and Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please ensure you have notifications turned on for both and keep up to date with any announcements that come out. If you have changed your email address, be sure to let the office staff know.

IMPORTANT—if you have a message to convey to your child regarding after school pick up arrangements, please call the office rather than message us as we get busy during the day and often don't check these platforms until after school.

Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday February 12, we will be holding 'Student-Parent-Teacher' interviews. These interviews will give you the opportunity to talk with your child's new teacher and discuss any special needs or concerns as well as set student learning goals. It is hoped that you will bring your child along to the interview so that they are part of the goal setting. Information regarding these interviews is available on Compass.

Parental Involvement

There are plenty of opportunities for parent involvement across the year. These include parent reading, excursions, incursions and event days.

Each classroom teacher will communicate with their parents about these opportunities as they arise. Please keep in mind that a current Working with Children Check is required to be submitted to the office.

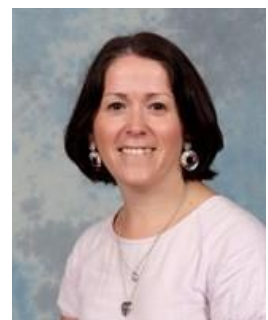
MEET THE TEAM



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Home Reading

Please try to hear your child read nightly to assist with confidence, fluency and word recognition.

Also remember that every child is an individual and will learn at their own pace. Reading at home should be fun, therefore the books your child brings home will be easier than the ones he or she is reading with their teacher. Don't forget to record their reading in their yellow reading diary each night too.

You will notice that in Grade 2, the children will not progress through reading levels as quickly as they did in Grade 1. This is due to increasing complexity of higher level texts. Reader bags must be brought to school every day.

Homework

Homework will commence in week 4 and will be sent home in homework books. It will go home on Tuesday afternoons and will be due back the following Monday morning.

Show and Tell

This Term, our 'VIP' program will begin in place of Show and Tell. Each class will have 2 children present each week and you will receive a notice when it is your child's day. This involves your child making a special presentation about themselves and sharing photos and other special items with their classmates.

Regular Show and Tell will commence in Term 2 and a roster will be provided which outlines your child's day and the topic of each week.

You are always welcome to come and talk with us and please feel free to make an appointment if you have any concerns. We look forward to getting to know your family and your lovely children.



Thank you for your support.
 Evelyn Pagnin, Sheree Skondreas, Camille Hobbs & Kristin MacDonald



Sun Protection

Please ensure your child has a named school hat each day. You may send sunscreen (for personal use only) Please apply sunscreen before school each day too.

Brain Food

To help keep students focussed, we have 'Brain Food' at around 10am each day. This is a snack provided by you which can only be unpackaged fresh fruit or vegetables. No processed foods please.

GRADE 2 TERM OVERVIEW

TERM 1 2025

WEEK 1	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 28 Staff Return	JANUARY 29 First Day of School Gr 1 – 6 Prep Testing	JANUARY 30 Swimming Trials 7am Prep Testing	JANUARY 31 Swimming Trials 7am Preps start 9:30 – 2:00
WEEK 2	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5 Prep Testing	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 7 School Photos – Class/Singles Gr 6 Student Badge Presentation
WEEK 3	FEBRUARY 10 Yr 6 Cyber Safety Incursion	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12 Prep Testing Student Parent Interviews 2:30 - 7:30pm	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 14 District Swimming
WEEK 4	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18 Gr 3 - Recycling Incursion	FEBRUARY 19 Prep Testing	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21 School Pics -Sibling/Groups
WEEK 5	FEBRUARY 24 VSSS – Mass Rehearsal 1	FEBRUARY 25 Prep Fun Night 5:00 - 6:30	FEBRUARY 26 Prep Testing Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day – Ringwood Aths Track	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 28 School Clean Up Day
WEEK 6	MARCH 3 Preps start full time Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 4 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 5 Grade 3 - Library Excursion Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 6 Prep Incursion - Supreme Incursions - Team Building	MARCH 7
WEEK 7	MARCH 10 Labour Day Public Holiday	MARCH 11	MARCH 12 NAPLAN	MARCH 13 NAPLAN	MARCH 14 NAPLAN
WEEK 8	MARCH 17 NAPLAN Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp Division Swimming	MARCH 18 NAPLAN Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 19 NAPLAN Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 20	MARCH 21 Harmony Day
WEEK 9	MARCH 24	MARCH 25 Gr 6 Boronia K-12 Taster	MARCH 26 Gr 5 & 6 Courage to Care	MARCH 27	MARCH 28 House Cross Country
WEEK 10	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3 Term 1 finish 3:30pm	APRIL 4 CURRICULUM DAY