Dear families.

Please take a few moments to bring yourself up to speed with the Year 2 happenings.

News in brief:

- Each Monday your child will be given a **Bible text** on a laminated tract. We spend a few moments in class discussing the verse when it is handed out and encourage you to choose an appropriate time somewhere in the week to do the same. While it is not an expectation to memorise the verse we would appreciate any time you are able to spend discussing it with your children.

- Our ‘how we organise ourselves’ unit of inquiry has been progressing well. With a few weeks still to run we would like to put another reminder out to parents of both classes to **come and share with us** a set of rules that you are familiar with. Last week we had Dave Riches (Tom) speak to us about the numerous rules and etiquettes involved in the game of golf. It was extremely informative. Please see either one of us if you would be willing to drop in for a few minutes and share a set of rules with the classes.

- In **guided play** we have been building our own communities. Small groups have been given a space of approximately one square metre to design and build a community. Groups are now working together to establish rules and agreements for their communities and create ways to communicate their chosen rules to visitors. Please drop by and check out the wonderful work if you haven’t already.

- **Thanks to our class contacts** (Shelley, Melissa and Sarah) for organising a fantastic afternoon tea for our classes and families in week 3. We were delighted with the turnout and look forward to the next one.

- You will receive our second **home work grid** tonight. We will continue to fine tune the process and welcome your feedback as we do so. The children certainly seem to be enjoying the way it works.

- **Sharing** (oral language) has been informative and fun so far. Thanks to the many parents who have obviously spent time helping your children to prepare their thoughts. It really does make a significant difference to the quality of the sessions.

- Finally we continue to be **delighted and impressed** with the way the 2’s have settled into their new classrooms and routines. It has been a wonderful start to the year. Well done 2’s!

Have a great week.

Emily & Brad

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