Dear families.

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

**News in brief:**

- Each week (beginning next week) 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 is underway**. Our central idea is; Communities need rules to help people live together. We want the children to develop an understanding that rules exist in almost every walk of life and to consider the implications if the rules didn’t exist or were removed. At this point of our inquiry we would gladly welcome any parents who could spare 10 or 15 minutes to talk to our classes about an activity that you are involved in where there are rules and stress the importance of abiding by them. Some examples might be the rules of golf, skydiving, driving a truck, operating machinery, handling chemicals or any of the many laws and rules that you abide by in your daily work or activities. The children genuinely love parental involvement. Please contact us if you would like to be a risk taker and share with us.

- In **guided play** we will be building our own communities. We will use this as a link to assist the students in developing an understanding of the need for rules and consequences. If you have any recycling material (shoe boxes, alfoil cylinders, cereal boxes etc.) we would greatly appreciate them.

- **Homework begins this week.** As we mentioned in our information sessions last week our expectations are that your child will choose six cells to complete over the two week period, one from each skill set. Please also read through the word study ideas page which has been stuck into the front cover of the homework book for ideas to help your children learn their word study lists.

- **Thanks for taking the time to attend our information evenings last week.** While there may not have been a great deal of new information, it was a great chance for us to get to know each other a little better. We have included our emails at the bottom of this newsletter. We welcome communication via this method.

**From 2S**

- After a class vote at the parent information night we will have Sports Uniform on the following days Tuesday and Thursday. We will have a longer fitness lesson on the Thursday.

- We had making for the first time last Friday and we have consumed all of the boxes that I had collected by making some amazing creations. This will not be a weekly activity but one that the children enjoy and challenges them socially and also in their designing of their creations.

- Thank you to Erica Fotineas who will be joining Tracy Weyland as our class carer.

**From 2P**

- A reminder that the 2P class beach day at Aldinga is this coming Sunday (February 19th). Please refer to the hand out that was sent home last week. It would be great to see as many families as possible turn out and get to know each other a little better in a less formal setting. Thanks to Karen Judd and Nikki Lang for the getting this event up and running.

Have a great week.

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