Dear families,

We are only a few weeks into our school year however we feel as though we have already celebrated and achieved some wonderful things. Since our last newsletter we have taken part in pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, worshipped as a whole school for Ash Wednesday, met and worked with our buddies, begun our first inquiry unit about healthy lifestyles and celebrated with the whole school in our International Day, just to name a few.

Please take a moment to read the news in brief which will keep you up to speed with some of the Year 2 happenings.

News in brief:

- A reminder that the Homework Grid is sent home and collected fortnightly and students are to attempt the completion of six cells, one from each of the six skill sets. When a cell is completed we ask students to colour the cell and parents to initial or sign it. Furthermore we ask that students write in pencil unless they are completing a picture or word study activity that requires colour and attempt to use the same level of neatness we expect in class. The year 2s made a great start with their first attempt at the Homework Grid. Well done!

- A reminder that parents needing to do the Reporting of Abuse and Neglect certificate to be able to assist on excursions, camps and in class activities (commonly known as Mandatory Reporting) can now complete it online via the AISSA website. Once completed please present your certificate to Robyn at the front desk for sighting. The site is at this address. http://www.ais.sa.edu.au/about-aisa/policy-advice#41309

- Last newsletter we mentioned that all students have stuck in a suggestions guide for learning their word study words into their Homework books. It has been fantastic to see many students give some of these activities a go. They are designed to make learning your word study words easier and enjoyable.

- Next week for class sharing the students have been asked to share a favourite song or piece of music. We would appreciate parents spending a few moments to ensure the song your children select is appropriate. Music can be sent in on cd, dvd, usb or emailed to us including a YouTube link.

- Both classes change their readers on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the students are able to take up to three books home at a time. Please don’t change your child’s readers on their behalf. Re reading books help students work on the necessary skills of comprehension (understanding), fluency and expression. If you have any concerns please speak to us.

- We are missing a few items of clothing throughout Year 2. could everybody please check to see if you have any items that may belong to somebody else. We know they generally all look the same and it is really easy for the children to pick up someone else’s jumper or hat. Thank you.

- Thank you to parents who have volunteered to assist on Sports Day. Your help is very much appreciated. If you would still like to assist please contact us or email Mick Phillips.

- All Year 2s are to meet in the Year 2 rooms on Friday from 12.30pm. Once the roll books are completed and students are matched up with their helpers we will move to Bukatila to begin proceedings. Please refer to the school newsletter for any last minute information.

- Finally Mr Pfeiffer will be away for the rest of this week, enjoying some long service leave in Melbourne. The 2P class will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Lisa Hall during this time.

Have a great week.

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Word Study Focus

**Week 7**
- ou (out), ow (cow) & h (hour) words

**Week 8**
- oi (boil) & ar (carpet) words

**Week 9**
- ue (true) & u_e words (use)