Dear College Families,

Welcome to a brand new year! We hope that you had a safe and restful holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with Mr Moore teaching Stage 2 Geothermal, Mrs Johnson teaching Stage 2 Hydroelectric and Miss Pendlebury teaching Stage 2 Solar. This year, Primary class names have been themed around sustainability, with Stage 2 classes being named after forms of renewable energy.

We are blessed to have specialist teachers who will also teach your child this year – Mr Christie for Music, Miss Huang for Mandarin, Mrs McGrath teaching Health and Mr Elton, the School Chaplain, will be teaching Biblical Studies.

Please take the time to read the information below to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

**Communication**

The College uses email as the primary form of communication. Class communication notes will be found each fortnight in Directions, the College newsletter, that is emailed to your nominated email address. It can also be found on the College website. Please ensure that the College has the correct email address so you receive these regular updates. If you need to contact your child’s teacher urgently, please call the office, as teachers tend to be very busy during school hours and may not have a chance to check emails until the end of the day.

**Bring Your Own Technology**

Students in Stage 2 are required to have their device at school every day. We use these regularly in daily lessons and we ask that it comes to school charged and in an easily identifiable case for protection. We will ask your child to download apps at home when required. A list of apps that your child is expected to have on their device will be sent home shortly. Once received, please ensure that your child has these on their device as soon as possible. Your child should have a set of headphones to use with their device. We have clear guidelines for the use of technology in the classroom and students will be asked to leave their device at home for a period of time if they cannot use it responsibly.

**School Books**

Over the next few weeks we will send uncovered books home in packs on Friday afternoons. Please cover them in the provided Norwest covers remembering to write your child’s name and subject before covering with clear adhesive or plastic. Books are to be returned to school on the following Monday, regardless of whether they are covered or not. Students may cover their Homework book with their choice of cover. All books are to be covered by the end of Week 5. Thank you for your assistance with this.
Absence/late notes

If your child is absent for any reason, it is a legal requirement that parents provide an explanation. You may respond to the SMS notification or send a written note or email. All students arriving late to school must be signed in by a parent/guardian at the office. If students are leaving early, they must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian. It is helpful for you to notify us of any changes to the routine with a written note/email also.

Homework

Homework is an important part of student learning in Stage 2. Homework will be issued each Friday and is expected to be returned the following Thursday. Students will have one book for homework, and this book will predominantly used for Spelling homework. Mathematics homework will be assigned and completed online. Homework will start from Week 3, Friday, 17 February and is to be returned Thursday, 23 February.

If your child is struggling with the set homework, please encourage them to bring in their book so that their teacher can assist them before the homework is due. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. Should there be a reason for the non-completion of homework, please write a short note/email and an extension will be permitted.

According to the College's Homework Policy, Year 3 students are required to complete 15 minutes of homework and 15 minutes of reading each school day. Year 4 students are required to complete 20 minutes of homework and 15 minutes of reading each school day.

Class Dojo

We will be using Class Dojo in Stage 2 as part of our classroom management system. It is a web-based program and is displayed on the interactive whiteboard for students to access. Students will receive positive or negative points throughout each school day, which will accumulate over the term. They will receive rewards as they reach certain levels of points. Students will have received a paper note with a login code for them and a login code for you to link in with Class Dojo. As parents, you have the option of signing up for weekly reports to be emailed to you from Class Dojo. Please return the signed note by Friday, 17 February.

Premier's Reading Challenge

You will soon be receiving more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The PRC is included in the Norwest Challenge, and we strongly encourage all students to participate. We will inform students throughout the year when we read texts at school that are on the PRC list. More information will come regarding the Norwest Challenge shortly as well.

Library

Students will need to bring their library bag and any books needing to be returned from the previous week's borrowing. Students are encouraged to borrow new books every week.

Crunch N Sip

Students are required to bring fruit/vegetables and water daily for Crunch N Sip time. Please ensure that it is in a labelled container and only fresh fruit or vegetables are to be eaten at this time.

Parent Participation

The College highly values the times and talents of our parents. If you are interested in helping in Stage 2, there are some different events through the year and occasions where jobs can be completed both at home and at the College. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out in any way. Please note that to help on campus, you will need to have completed the Volunteer Induction Seminar and have a current Working With Children Check number. Please contact us for further details.
What's on in Stage 2 each week:

**Monday**  
Assembly/Chapel (on alternating weeks) – After lunch, students will attend either Assembly or Chapel. If your child is receiving an award at Assembly, you will be notified the Friday before. Our classes will also do Assembly items at various times during the year.

**Tuesday**  
Music – All classes  
Mandarin – All classes

**Wednesday**  
PE – Students are to wear their sports uniform and must have their sports hat  
Stage 2 Geothermal – Library

**Thursday**  
Stage 2 Hydroelectric and Stage 2 Solar – Library

**Friday**  
Sport – Students are to wear their sports uniform and must have their sports hat

What are we learning this term?

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Students will be placed in groups for Spelling and Maths across the Stage. Students will move between subject, classrooms, and the Stage 2 teachers. This year students will be in grade groups for Mandarin and Music.

Questions

Please feel free to contact us with any questions and use email at any stage to set up an appointment.

Please remember to label all of your child's items and belongings. Labelling items assists us in returning lost items and can save you money!

We are looking forward to this special and important year and pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing as we work together throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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