Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2 for 2015. This year we have three Year 2 classes: 2Z taught by Mr Zappia, 2AG - taught by Mr Alderton (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and Ms Graham (Wednesday) and 2/3C taught by Mr Chapman. We have heard wonderful things from the Year One teachers and look forward to the year ahead with Year 2.

Below is some information about the term ahead including important dates for upcoming events.

 Dates for Term 1:

Week 2 – (this week) – New classes are formed.
Week 3 – (next week) Homework begins and involves a weekly spelling list, maths text, Let’s Talk and reading. Homework is handed out each Monday and due on Friday every week unless specified.
-Text book sales- Tuesday 10th February
Week 4 – school swimming scheme Monday to Friday. More information to follow.
Week 5 – Monday 23rd February – Meet the Teacher Evening
  Thursday 26th – Swimming Carnival for all students who turn 8 this year.
Week 9 – Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March- Parent Interview Week
Weeks 10 and 11 – Assessment weeks

A brief overview of topics this term.

English

Talking and Listening
Students are encouraged to give their ‘news’ on a weekly basis. Teachers will soon inform each student of their news day on our class news rosters. Prepared public speaking topics are set each term. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Public speaking test results will contribute to school reports.

Reading
2Z, 2/3C and 2AG have reading group activities every school day except Friday. Students will work at a level using various texts which are pitched at their current level of development. Students should also have with them one book they are reading for their own enjoyment for quiet reading sessions in class.

Writing
This term students will learn about writing narratives and recounts. Students write a weekly journal/diary to help them learn writing skills (and are fun to look back on in later years) based on real life events during weekends etc.
**Mathematics**
The core elements of the Mathematics curriculum are Number, Data, Measurement, Space, Patterns and Algebra and Working Mathematically (problem solving). Learning the times tables is encouraged in Year 2 as later in the year much emphasis is placed on knowing the times tables.

**Sport**
Sport day is Friday and the sport uniform should be worn each Friday unless otherwise specified.

**Timetable for RFF, library and Special Activities.**
Each class has a slightly different timetable which you will be informed of in the coming weeks. A few reminders
- Please make sure that notes are provided for absences within 7 days after the absence has occurred.
- Please make sure that ALL of your child’s property is clearly labelled, including clothing and classroom materials.
- Birthday cakes are welcome; however please bring cakes that do not require cutting as we cannot bring knives into the classroom.

**Stationery**
A separate stationery list has been sent home late last year. To begin the term can you make sure that students have their vital supplies handy, such as lead pencils and pencil cases. Each student will have a tote tray to keep their belongings.

Once again, we looking forward meeting you and to making Year 2 an exciting and productive year for all our students.

Year Two Teachers;
Simon Alderton, Robert Zappia, Liam Chapman and Susie Graham.