

Getting to Know Year 2

Hello Year 2 Families,

Thanks for coming to meet us at our Getting to Know You interviews. We are so excited for the wonderful term and year that lies ahead.

Our Curriculum

As an accredited PYP School we follow a Programme of Inquiry (POI) to guide student learning throughout the year. Each PYP unit is linked and integrated into other curriculum areas such as Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing. This table gives an overview of our 2021 Year 2 Programme of Inquiry.

Term	T1	T1-2	T2	T3	T3-4	T4
Transdisciplinary Theme	Who We Are	Where We Are in Place and Time	Sharing the Planet	How We Organise Ourselves	How the World Works	How We Express Ourselves
Central Ideas	Individuals may be influenced by significant connections.	Places and our connection to them.	All living things go through a process of change.	Transport systems service communities.	Forces affect how an object moves or changes.	Cultures are expressed in a variety of ways.

Specialists in Year 2

Our specialist timetable is finalised and students will visit our amazing specialist teachers on the following days:

Class	Wednesday	Wednesday (1:50pm - 3:30pm)	Thursday	Friday (11:10am - 12:50pm)
2B	Year 2 Sport	PE & Performing Arts	Library	Chinese & Art
2C		Chinese & Art		PE & Performing Arts
2P		Chinese & Art		PE & Performing Arts
2SB		PE & Performing Arts		Chinese & Art

Our specialist teachers are:

PE: Mrs James (Wednesday) Ms Scott (Friday)

Art: Mrs Hale (Wednesday) Ms Tideman (Friday)

Performing Arts: Ms Tideman (Wednesday) Mrs Matthews (Friday)

Chinese: Ms Ma

Students need to return their empty art portfolios as soon as possible and will need an art smock for art classes.

E-mail Communication Protocols

Our future fortnightly updates will come to you via email using your preferred email contact provided to the office. In 2021 we will be using the automated email system within Sentral. If you are not receiving email updates it may be because the email address recorded at the office is incorrect. You can phone our office and update it. Please note, updating your email address on the parent portal will not update your preferred contact email address.

If you would prefer NOT to receive communication emails, or NOT be included on our shared classlist, please let your child's classroom teacher know and we'll be sure to take you off the list.

We are always happy to receive questions and information via emails from parents. It is important to note that as part of our Parent/Teacher email agreement, emails will be responded to between 8am - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday and responses can be expected within 2 school days. Teachers who receive emails from parents over the weekend will endeavour to respond by 5.30pm Monday.



Being Sunsmart

Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide. Our school Sunsmart Policy requires students to wear their school broad brimmed hat when outside and for sporting activities throughout Term 1 and 2 until 30 April and again from 1 September. If your child has lost or misplaced their hat over the holiday break, hats can be purchased at the school uniform shop. Children are asked to sit in a designated shaded area for the duration of play if they do not have their hats. It is also a good idea to pack some sunscreen in school bags for your child.

Respecting our Environment and the Take In-Take Out policy

Keeping rubbish out of our playground is a constant battle in schools.

Here at APS, we strongly encourage Nude food lunchboxes and appreciate the efforts our families make to keep the rubbish at home, where it can be recycled or disposed of thoughtfully and appropriately. While Nude food is our goal, our 'Take in-Take out' policy is another way we can support a cleaner environment. The 'Take in-Take out' policy aims to minimise the rubbish that goes into our classroom bins and as a result ends up in landfill. In line with this policy, students will be required to take home any packaging/wrapping that comes to school in their lunchboxes. Canteen rubbish will continue to be disposed of at school. We appreciate your support with this policy/process.

Canteen orders - Miss Beer's class is 2B and Miss Burn's class is 2SB - to ensure your child's lunch order is sent to the correct room, please check that you have allocated your child to the correct class on QKR!

Parent Representatives

Please make your classroom teacher aware if you are interested in filling the wonderful role of Parent Rep for your class in 2021. Thank you to those parents who have already offered, your offer is gratefully accepted!

Being a Parent Rep involves:

- Typing up and distributing class contact lists
- Being a point of contact for class and school events
- Organising class social events

Hopefully for someone out there this is your dream role and we can't wait to hear from you!

Dave the Dog

This year Dave the therapy dog will be returning to Aspendale Primary School. Dave will be attending school 1 to 2 days a week with Emily Bourke in Year 1. Emily and Dave have completed the *Visiting Therapy Dog & Handler Certification Course* with the Lead the Way Institute.

While Dave will be spending most of his time in the Year 1 learning space, there are many opportunities for him to interact with students across all year levels, through lunch time clubs and yard duty times.

If you have concerns about your child interacting with Dave due to health or anxiety reasons, please speak to Emily Bourke or Assistant Principal Tom Pearce. Our therapy dog program is completely voluntary and all students will be given the option to participate or not.

If you have questions regarding the benefits of therapy dogs in schools or would just like to meet Dave, you can speak to Emily Bourke in the Year 1 learning space.

Dave the Dog Essential Agreement

- We will all be able to touch and cuddle Dave, but we must agree to take care of him.
- We always listen to instructions from Miss Bourke when around Dave.
- It is important for Dave to feel safe at all times: we are calm and gentle.
- When Dave is in the classroom, we must be given permission to come and say hello to him.
- When Dave is in his cave, we leave him in peace.
- We let Miss Bourke know if we are feeling worried about having Dave near us or are afraid of dogs.
- We wash our hands or use hand sanitiser after touching Dave.

Thanks everyone!

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