Welcome back to all Year Two students and parents! We hope you all had a relaxing break. We have so many new and exciting things happening this term.

**RELIGION**

Our Religious Education Units for this term include: "Experiencing God" and "Signs of God’s Love." In the unit “Experiencing God” students learn about the ways in which people have experienced God through time. They explore biblical images of God and are invited to represent their own images of God. Students will focus on prayer as a way of experiencing God. In the unit “Signs of God’s Love” students learn about the love of God for His people as they read about the journey from slavery to freedom in the Crossing of the Red Sea. They are introduced to the symbols and signs of the Eucharist. We have one class mass this term - date listed below.

**YEAR 2 MASS**

| 2JB & 2JM | Thursday 31st July 10:00a.m. |

**LITERACY**

Parent helpers have commenced for Term 3. We thank you again for giving up your time to help in the classroom.

A reminder that children need to return their communication pouch each day and be punctual with the morning start at 8:45am. We hope that you continue the experience of reading books to your child, as this is a powerful strategy in helping your child gain meaning from text. Please remember to fill in the reading log each time you hear your child read. Take-home books are the responsibility of each child to read and exchange in the classroom.

**BLOGS**

The grade two blogs are up and running for the semester. We look forward to interacting with you all in this forum. Please find our web address below:

2JB: http://mrbolzonello.global2.vic.edu.au
2JM: http://mrmillane.global2.vic.edu.au

**SPELLING PROGRAM**

Our Spelling Program is underway again! Just a reminder that your child needs to:

1. Learn his/her words each night (Look Say Cover Write Check)
2. Complete the given spelling homework neatly (in grey lead pencil)
3. Hand up this homework book and reading log on Friday morning (both signed by a parent)

**GARDEN CLUB**

Thank you to the volunteers who have helped look after our garden throughout the year. The children will continue to look after the garden plants throughout the term. There is always plenty of weeding or mulching to do, so if you have some free time please offer to help!
MATHS
In Maths some things the children will investigate include:
• Counting to 120 by twos, threes, and fives
• Fractions
• Shapes and transformations
• Multiplication
• Measurement (Mass)

IDEAS to help your child at home:
• Counting practice (by 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s)
• Using fractions language when possible (e.g. half, quarters, eights, thirds when dividing whole/groups of objects)
• Include children in measuring ingredients when cooking
• Playing Maths games

INQUIRY UNIT
This term we will be starting a new Inquiry topic “How do I stay Healthy” where we will be exploring different aspects of a healthy lifestyle. We will be deepening the children’s understanding of what good health is (physical, emotional and social) and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

REMINDERS
“Show and Share” will resume this term. Please find the weekly topics attached. This is a mixture of telling as well as sometimes bringing something to show to the class. Each child has a turn to speak.

Please remember that at Sacred Heart we are a nut aware school. We ask that you do not send any nut-based products in your child’s lunch box.

Grade 2s Timetable Term 3, 2014

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Children are encouraged to borrow from the library each day before school (except Mondays).

Thank you for your support,
Mr Joe Bolzonello and Mr. James Millane
(The Grade Two Team)