**Welcome to 2/3A!**

Dear Students and Parents of 2/3A,

Welcome back to school for 2014 AND welcome to our class - 2/3A!

We hope you all have had a wonderful holiday break and are feeling as excited about this year as we are!

The classroom teachers for 2/3A are Mrs McAlister and Ms Pagan.

Mrs McAlister – Monday to Thursday Ms Pagan – Friday

**A few important notices**:

\*All students will be required to purchase a book pack from school. This book pack will have everything your child needs for learning in the classroom. Please pay for these book packs as soon as possible so that all children can begin learning within normal classroom routines.

\*Please ensure that all student’s belongings at school are clearly labelled with their name.

**2/3A’s important times each week**:

Library – Monday

K-2 Assembly – (every 2nd) Tuesday at 12.30pm

Scripture – Thursday

Sport – Friday

**Homework and Home Reading**

\*Each student will be provided with a homework folder. A weekly homework sheet will be handed out each Monday. Students are to complete their homework tasks each night and return to Ms Pagan on Friday. For homework each week, students are required to copy their spelling words nightly as well as complete one maths problem / activity.

\*Each student will be given a clear plastic Home Reading folder. Inside, students will have a record card (or a Home Reading Log Book for Year 3), to keep note of reading completed each night. Home Readers can be borrowed from the classroom’s Home Reading tubs. Changing of readers will be the student’s responsibility. Those students completing the Premier's Reading Challenge, can borrow PRC books from the library and read as a part of Home Reading

**Technology**

As technology continues to advance in today’s changing world, it opens new doors for our students to create and share their work with others. This year students in 2/3A will be provided with opportunities to use technology in the classroom to communicate and share their learning with a wider audience.

Our class will have their own website in the form of a ‘class blog’. A class blog is a brilliant way for families to stay connected with their child’s learning. We will be sharing all the wonderful things we get up to in our classroom, on our blog.

Blogging is an authentic way to teach traditional reading, writing, speaking and listening, as well as multimodal 21st century skills. All posts are moderated by Mrs McAlister and can only be made ‘live’ after she has viewed them. No personal information will be used or given out by the students.

You can view our blog at <http://classblog2014.weebly.com/>

To ensure we **remain safe** while using the Internet, 2/3A will be participating in lessons on cyber safety.

We are seeking permission for **all** students to have the opportunity to upload photos, videos and work samples they have produced to our class blog. If you are happy for your child to participate in these wonderful learning experiences, please return the attached permission note. If you would like more information, please talk to Mrs McAlister.

Our class blog will provide another window into our classroom - so feel free to visit often!

Class Teachers Principal

Mrs McAlister and Ms Pagan Mrs McSpeerin

**ST MARYS NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL – PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of 2/3A to have their image and/or work samples uploaded to the following online platform. I understand this platform is public and can be viewed by anyone.

**Class Blog** – Photos and Videos YES / NO Work Samples YES / NO

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_