



**CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE**
G E E L O N G

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Dear Parents,

Year Prep Spelling Program

During Semester Two, the children will begin to study key spelling words as part of our Spelling 'DIPL' (Doorway Into Practical Literacy) Program. The children will be introduced to three letter words during class and they will complete activities related to word families.

As part of the spelling program, each week a set of high frequency words will be pasted into the children's student organisers. The children will be encouraged to practise reading, writing and spelling these words. Every Friday, the children will be assessed on their ability to write these words and once they have successfully completed a list, they will be provided with a new set of words.

One of the best ways for parents to encourage and reinforce spelling at home is to set aside five minutes a night. Some suggestions to assist children with their spelling include:

- Write the words in a book – using crayons, colour pencils, textas or glitter pens.
- Type the words.
- Build sentences using the words – say the sentence aloud or write the sentence.
- Count the letters in each word.
- Write the words on a chalkboard or whiteboard
- Find all of the words beginning with a particular letter and read/write them.
- Find the words in a book or take-home reader.

If you have any questions about the spelling program, we will be happy to talk with you to discuss some ways you can further assist your child.

Yours sincerely,

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