Welcome back to school for 2014! My name is Bonnie Norrish and I will be the year 2-4 teacher this year. I am looking forward to a fun and busy year, where our year 2-4 students reach their full potential, both intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Penny King helping in our classroom five times a fortnight this year. *Penny/Mrs King* will assist in enabling each child receives an education suitable to their individual needs.

This is what we will be learning about in term one:

**Religious Education**
- *'Jesus Forgives'*: We will look at the ways people can work at home, in society and in the Church, leading into learning about the way Jesus worked to teach us about God.
- *'Just Like Jesus'*: We will investigate how we are free to make choices because of God’s trust in us.
- *'Loving Like Jesus'*: We will wonder about God who created our bodies, and how these can help us relate to God. We will then learn how we can celebrate God at Lent/Easter time.
- *'All Powerful God'*: We will explore what the universe reveals about the power of God. This will lead us to wonder about ways we are called to love God.

**Integrated Theme**
- This term we will be learning about African Safaris.
- Safaris will be integrated into each learning area, but particularly writing and art.

**English**
- English will be taught during our school-wide literacy block each morning.
- Our reading program will involve a combination of modelled, guided and independent reading.
- Students will work in ability-based groups with texts that match their reading level.
- We will look particularly at the reading skills of predicting, connecting, creating images, re-reading and reading on.
- During writing this term we will focus on narratives and persuasive texts.
- Our spelling program will be a focus this term, based upon the Soundwaves spelling program.
- We will complete weekly handwriting sessions to ensure our handwriting skills are of a high standard.
Mathematics
- Mathematics will be taught during our school-wide numeracy block after recess each day.
- Our Number program this term will focus on number sequences, odd and even numbers, collections and multiplication.
- In Measurement and Geometry we will investigate measuring length, area, volume and capacity.
- In Statistics and Probability we will learn about the language of chance.

Science
This term, in the Science Learning Area, we will be developing our knowledge and skills in the "Earth and Space Sciences" strand of the Australian Curriculum. Students will learn how the Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity. We will be exploring the characteristics of rocks and soils and looking at features of our local landforms and the changes that have occurred. Science lessons will occur in the new Science Laboratory on Wednesdays from the end of lunch until the end of the day, providing students with the opportunity to explore, research and share information using technology and participate in hands-on investigations to learn about these interesting concepts.  
- Mrs King

History/Geography
During History lessons this term the students will be learning about "Change and Continuity in Community." They will look at the importance of change and continuity of Goomalling. They will study change and continuity in relation to transport, work, education, family life and the natural and built environment. The students will begin to interview senior citizens within our community to learn about the effects of change and continuity within the community on their lives, over time. This unit will expose the students to a variety of skills including:

- Sequence historical people and events
- Use historical terms
- Pose a range of questions about the past
- Locate relevant information from sources
- Develop historical texts, particularly narratives
- Use a range of communication forms) and digital technologies

- Mrs Hussey

Art
- Our art lessons will be based around our African Safari theme.
- One activity we will complete includes looking at shape and creating our own animal masks.
- We will work with paint to create twirling snakes and sunset silhouettes.

Health
- We will focus on Wellness in health this term.
• We will begin by identifying good qualities in ourselves and others.
• This will lead to learning about relationships, particularly friendships, and conclude with learning about bullying and how to deal with it.

Physical Education
• Students will participate in physical education with Mrs Kendra Edmonds on Tuesdays and with myself on Thursdays.
• Students need to wear their sports uniform on these days.

Classroom Routines
• Children will fill out their homework diaries every Monday for the week – please remind your child to check their diaries and to complete the tasks assigned to each night.
• Students will say Show and Tell once a fortnight, based on a new topic each time.
• Crunch and Sip will occur before recess each day – please ensure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at this time.
• We will visit the library on a Thursday – children need remember to bring library bags to borrow new books.
• Parents are asked to help children practice reading by listening to reading on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8.30 – 8.45am.

Please see me in person or contact me via email (norrish.bonnie@cathednet.wa.edu.au) or in your child’s diary if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever. I'm looking forward to having a fantastic time with you and your child this year!

Kind regards,

Miss Bonnie Norrish