



Year One Newsletter

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Welcome to Year One!

We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year in which your child will be given the opportunity to develop their skills and abilities. Briefly outlined below are a number of important issues that we wish to share with you, to assist you in understanding how our classrooms will run as co-operative and supportive learning environments.

Homework

Homework will be sent home each Monday in your child's B.E.E (Bring Everything Everyday) folder. B.E.E folders are to be brought into the classroom each morning along with your child's fully charged iPad. This makes it easy for any important notes to be kept in a safe place and for us to have easy access to books and sight words that are appropriate for your child. If your child has not put their folder in the box, they will not receive new homework or home readers. Year One homework consists of a homework sheet, SSP spelling activities, home reading and sight words. Your child will also be provided with Reading Eggs and Mathletics accounts and we encourage you to have your child complete these activities also as they are fantastic for consolidation.

Home Readers

Home readers are handed out each week and come to school inside the BEE folder each day. New books are given weekly. These books are leveled to suit the needs of each individual student. Please ensure that your child is reading these books on a daily basis. In order to move up reading levels, children need to be able to read these stories independently as well be able to retell and answer comprehension questions in relation to the text.

Important Dates!

- ☺ Term One Commences - 29th January
- ☺ Full School Assembly - 30th January
- ☺ Junior School Assembly – 6th February
- ☺ P&C Info Session after parade - 6th February
- ☺ P&C Meeting - 11th February
- ☺ Year 1 Parent information session @3.45- 13th February
- ☺ Full School Assembly 20th February
- ☺ Junior Parade 27th February
- ☺ Book Fair – 5th – 8th March
- ☺ Full School Parade 13th March
- ☺ Cross Country 14th March
- ☺ Junior School Parade 20th March
- ☺ Back Up Cross Country 28th March
- ☺ Life Education Visits – 22nd March- 5th April
- ☺ Full School Assembly 3rd April
- ☺ Easter Bonnet Parade- 5th April
- ☺ Term 1 Ends – 5th April
- ☺ Term 1 School Holidays 6th April – 21st April
- ☺ Term 2 Commences – 22nd April



Sight Words

Children need instant recall of basic sight words to become fluent readers. Please take the time to help your child practise these sight words every day. It is important that your child can read these words instantly without needing to sound-them-out (we call this “look and say”). Children will receive new sight words lists once the previous list has been mastered.

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers are always welcome in our classrooms. We would especially appreciate some assistance with changing the home readers, testing the children's sight words, setting up the homework books and assisting with group activities. If you have any time to spare and would like to volunteer, please come and see us.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:40am when the children are invited into the classroom to participate in focused independent reading. Our morning routine organises and settles the children for the day and it is therefore **very important** that they arrive on time.

iPads

iPads are being utilised to enhance classroom programs. To help your child make the most of their iPad at school, please ensure that all of the required year level apps are installed. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to make sure that the apps are updated when necessary and the device is fully charged ready to start each day.

Word of the Week

Each week students will learn a new focus word to help expand their vocabulary. These words are not words that students would use on a daily basis.

Week	Word
1	twitch
2	resist
3	suspense
4	expand
5	wither
6	annual
7	cavity
8	cringe
9	fluke
10	insult

Welcomes

A big welcome to Mrs Watts, who is joining us from Edens Landing State School. Also special welcomes to Miss Balke from Prep and Mrs Cameron from Learning Support who have joined the Year 1 Team.



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Term 1 Learning Topics

English: Students will be reading and listening to Eric Carle texts that provoke emotion in readers. They will then create an image of their favourite Eric Carle character and answers questions about their choice and how they can relate to the characters emotions from the text. They will also be asked to write an information text about an animal that they are familiar with. Students will learn how to research an animal and understand the difference between true facts and inferred information.

ICT: Students will be learning about the importance of correct typing posture and finger placement when word-processing. To help us practice our touch typing we are using a programme called Dance Mat Typing. Your child may enjoy accessing this at home. The link is - http://www.dancemattypingguide.com/dance-mat-typing/level_stages.html

HaSS: In History and Social Studies students will be observing the past and how their world is different. Students will investigate and question different aspects of the past and make observations about how and why their World is different.

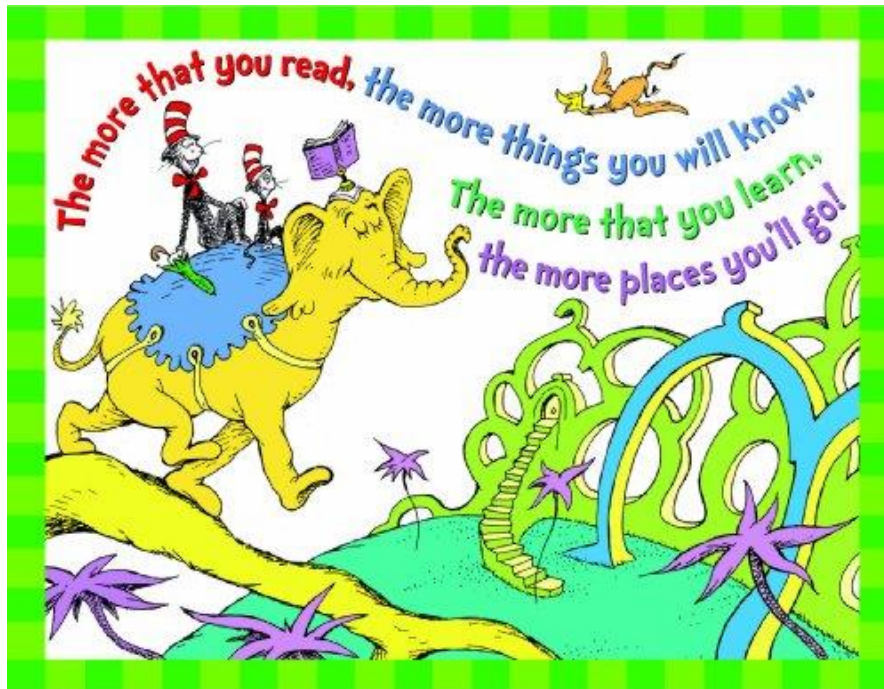
Mathematics: Students will be learning about numbers to 100, odd and even numbers, 2D shapes, patterning (including growing patterns), calendars, addition, partitioning numbers and subtraction.

Health: In Health this term, students will be exploring healthy and unhealthy food choices. We will look at the healthy food pyramid and discuss how to make better food choices in order to help our bodies learn and grow.

The Arts: In Visual Arts this term, the students are exploring the difference between warm and cool colours. They will also be exploring the 5 different types of lines in drawings. Their assessment will comprise of all 5 lines and their choice of either warm or cool colours.

Science: Students will be learning about managed, natural and built landscapes.

Coding: Students will progress towards writing their own sequence of steps and program these into a Beebot. Sequences will move towards creating squares and rectangle pathways.



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Yours in Education,

Year One Teachers

Things to Remember!

Absent – If your child will be absent from school please notify administration as soon as possible.

You can do this by calling the school.

Alternatively, please email your child's class teacher with a reason as to why your child is absent and we can make the necessary amendments.

Absentee Line: (07) 5549 4392.

Hats – Please ensure that a sun-safe hat is brought to school every day, clearly named, as your child will not be able to participate in any outside activities without it.