

YEAR 1 2021 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Year One!

We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year in where 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 online through the SeeSaw App. Tasks will be allocated weekly. B.E.E folders are to be brought into the classroom each morning along with your child's fully charged iPad (commencing week 2). 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 home readers. Year One homework consists of a Literacy and numeracy task online, 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 levelled 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 – 27th January
- ❖ Full School Assembly – 27th January
- ❖ Junior School Assembly – 3rd February 1A presenting
- ❖ Year 1 Parent information flyer sent home- 10th February
- ❖ Junior Assembly – 17th February
- ❖ Junior Assembly – 3rd March
- ❖ Book Fair – T.B.A
- ❖ SOBS open to book parent/teacher interviews – 8th -12th March
- ❖ Cross Country – T.B.A
- ❖ Life Education Visits – T.B.A
- ❖ Full School Assembly – 17th March
- ❖ Parent/Teacher interviews commence – 22nd March- 2nd April
- ❖ Whole School Assembly – 31st March
- ❖ Easter Bonnet Parade- 1st April
- ❖ Term 1 Ends – 1st April
- ❖ Term 1 School Holidays – 2nd April – 16th April
- ❖ Term 2 Commences – 19th April
- ❖ Australia Clean Up Day- T.B.A



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 list has been assessed three times.

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers are always welcome in our classrooms (depending on COVID 19 protocols). We would especially appreciate some assistance with changing the home readers. If you have any time to spare and would like to volunteer, please email us.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:20am 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.

Official learning time commences at 8:30am.

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. iPads will not be needed until week 2 and **all permission forms** will need to be returned to your child's class teacher before being brought in.

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

Year 1 Team

A big welcome to Mrs Harrison and Miss Downey who will be joining our year 1 team this year. Below is a list of our year 1 classes and teachers:

1A – Mrs Tara Harrison

1B – Mr Jason Collett

1C – Mrs Alana Watts (Year Level Coordinator)

1D – Miss Anna Downey

1E – Mrs Kiandra Job

1F – Miss Sharnee Balke

Tuckshop Open: Every day
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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/level1_stage1.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 plate 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.

Science: Students will be learning about links between external features of living things and the environments in which they live. They will explore healthy and unhealthy habitats.

Coding: Students will progress towards writing their own algorithm/sequence of steps and program these into a Beebot.



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.

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