



Year One Newsletter

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Welcome to Term Two!

This term promises to be a very busy and exciting term for our Year One students. We have our Inter-house Athletics Carnival, Beenleigh Historical Village visit, school photos, a groovy Junior School Disco and Under Eights Day. We will also be busily teaching and doing assessments to assist us in writing your child's report card. With this in mind, we would greatly appreciate it if absences from school could be kept to an absolute minimum. If your child is absent, please call the office to let them know on 5549 4392.

New Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home each Monday in your child's B.E.E (Bring Everything Every Day) folder. The homework we set provides your child with a chance to consolidate the skills that they are working on in class, and is delivered at a level appropriate for your child. There are 2 levels of homework with different literacy and numeracy tasks for each level. It is important to note that in years one to six at our school, homework completion is an assessable part of the students Report Card. Please keep in mind that homework and sight words are changed on Friday mornings so if your child is away, they will not be tested for sight words that week. Home readers are changed on Monday afternoons.

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers are always welcome in our classrooms. If you have any time to spare, even if it's not every week, and would like to volunteer, please come and see us. We would greatly appreciate it!

Important Dates!



- ☺ Term 2 Commences - Tuesday 23rd April
- ☺ ANZAC Day Parade – Wednesday 24th April
- ☺ ANZAC Day Public Holiday – Thursday 25th April
- ☺ Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday 6th May
- ☺ Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 9th May
- ☺ No Parade – Wednesday 15th of May due to NAPLAN Testing
- ☺ Year 1 Visit to Beenleigh Historical Village – Monday 27th May
- ☺ Junior Athletics Carnival – Thursday 30th May
- ☺ School Photo Days – Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June
- ☺ Disco – Thursday 20th June (Juniors start at 3:30pm).
- ☺ Under 8's Day – Friday 28th June
- ☺ Last Day of Term – Friday 28th June
- ☺ School Holidays - Saturday 29th June – Sunday 14th July
- ☺ Term 3 Begins – Monday 15th July

Home Reading Tips

Home reading is one of the most important parts of the weekly homework. The readers that the children receive are leveled to suit individual abilities following a one on one test with the class teacher. Please ensure that your child is reading these books on a daily basis. Once the students have worked on them with an adult, they might then like to read them to a sibling, a relative over the phone or even a much loved pet! The extra practice with their increased fluency will greatly benefit your child. In order to move up reading levels, children need to be able to read these stories independently as well be able to retell the text and answer comprehension questions. These important skills should be practiced after reading each day.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:40 am 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.

Jumpers

With cooler mornings on the way, students will be needing to bring their jumpers to school. Could parents please make sure these are labelled clearly because 100 tiny, identical blue jumpers in the same building can make it very difficult to know which one belongs to whom!

Word of the Week

Each week students will learn a new focus word to help expand their vocabulary. This term's words are:

Week	Word
1	dwindle
2	absurd
3	bask
4	glimmer
5	pollute
6	barb
7	charm
8	dollop
9	haze
10	gloomy

iPad Apps

iPads are being utilised to enhance classroom programs. Could parents please ensure that all of the required year level apps are installed, and particularly the paid version of the Book Creator app as the free version only allows for the creation of one book. It is also important that access to the microphone and internet isn't blocked in settings during school hours as we need to be able to access programs such as Spelling City. The school has an excellent web content filter in use and the students are closely monitored while accessing the internet.



Term 2 Learning Goals

English: This term students will be exploring characters and understanding how authors can show a character's growth through narratives. Students will then choose a character from a popular story to analyse their development. Students will also read traditional indigenous tales and rewrite these demonstrating their understandings of the cultural significance.

Mathematics: Students will be learning to count to one hundred by ones, twos, fives and tens. They will be partitioning numbers using place value and solving addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts. Students will be learning to represent basic fractions and describe and order Australian coins. They will also be learning to tell time to the half-hour and to classify familiar two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects.

ICT: Students will be learning to access Microsoft Office and create Power Point Presentations that include text, images, slide transitions and custom animations. They will also be learning to save and retrieve their work.

HaSS: 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 things have changed.

Health: Students will be studying how to stay healthy through safe hygiene practices and physical exercise. They will explore how to maintain whole body health practices.

The Arts: Students will be focussing on the area of Dance. They will be choreographing simple dances based on forming shapes and letters in small groups.

Physical Education: Students will apply the fundamental movement skills of two-handed throwing and catching and basketball dribbling to solve large ball challenges.

*Yours in Education,
The Year One Teachers*