

GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1, 2015 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a restful break.

Listed below is important information for the term. Please feel free to arrange a time to discuss any concerns you may have.

Teachers

1A - Stephanie Varga

1B - Andrea Hardwick

1C - Melissa Russell

1D - Janelle Chang

Drop Off Times

Children are expected to enter the classroom at **8:20am**. This allows them time to unpack their bags, read to a buddy, change their take home books, place lunch orders in the lunch order crate and hand any notes and messages to the teacher. This is an important time for teachers and students to make a settled and positive start to the day. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

Pick Up Times

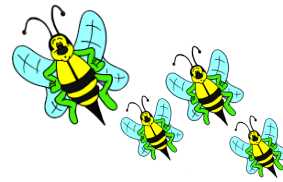
Please ensure your child understands where you will meet them at the end of the day. Children are encouraged to return to their classroom if they are unable to find their parents, so please check their classrooms if they are not at your designated meeting place.

No hat, No play

Please remember in Term 1 all students are required to wear a navy blue, wide brimmed hat for play times and outdoor learning activities.

School Uniform

Students are required to be in full school uniform. If a student's hair is longer than shoulder length, please have it securely tied back. Please ensure **all** clothing is **labeled**.



SWPBS

Our four school values are:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

Please feel free to use this language at home to enhance the home/school connection. Please note that the courtyard is a passive place where students should be quiet, calm and walking at all times.

Tissue Box

It is much appreciated if you are able to provide the classroom with a box of tissues at the start of the year. Please hand these to your child's teacher.

Take Home Reading

Each night your child will bring home their **RED READING BAG**. Inside will be their Home Reading Diary and a book. Please take the time to read with them as this is an important part of their day. Nightly reading is displayed on our class reading wall. Red reader bags are to be brought to school **EVERY DAY** and changed every morning by the student.

Show and Tell

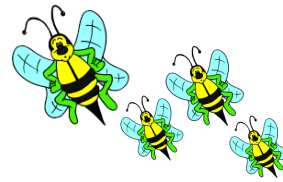
Students will have their M100W or their Look, Say, Spell, Cover, Write, Check spelling words checked once a week. This will be their sharing day as well. Please bring in an item relating to their theme of "Me, My family and My Community". Sharing is important for their speaking and listening. If they don't have a physical item to share they can share an experience.

Homework

Homework will be handed out every Monday and returned every Friday. Your child will be sent home a new homework outline which will be pasted in their homework book. Written on the homework outline is your child's share day. This will also be the day your child is tested on their spelling or M100W words.

Specialists for Term 1

- 1A - Performing Arts & PE - Monday
 - Art - Thursday
- 1B - Art & Library - Monday
 - PE - Thursday
- 1C - Library & Performing Arts - Monday
 - PE - Thursday
- 1D - PE & Art - Monday
 - Performing Arts - Thursday



When your child has Art or Library they will require an art smock and library bag. Please ensure you send both to school as soon as possible.

Inquiry Unit

This term we will be focusing on 'Me, My Family and My Community'. Students will participate in activities designed to 'get to know' each other, including hobbies, family, likes, dislikes, favourite games. Term 1 will be a time for your child to reconnect with friends from last year and establish and maintain new friendships.

Events to look out for this term

Parent Teacher Interviews - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February

School photos - Thursday 5th March

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 9th March

Bellbridge Carnival - Friday 20th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews/meetings for the whole school will be held on Monday, 16th February from 2.50pm to 6.30pm and Tuesday, 17th February from 2.50pm to 4.10pm. Notes were sent out on Monday to request a preferred timeslot.

It's not okay to be away

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school in the morning to inform us and on your child's return, please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher.

Fruit Break and Water

Each day your child will be given a 10 minute break to have a piece of fruit at 12pm. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit every day. Now that the weather is heating up, we encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school each day to avoid interrupting learning time to get a drink.

Regards,
Mrs Stephanie Varga
Ms Andrea Hardwick
Miss Melissa Russell
Mrs Janelle Chang