

GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2, 2019 ~

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 with your child's teacher. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please contact the office to make an appointment.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS DAYS

1A Ms Deanna Raptopoulos ES- Ms Tash Klein	1B Miss Tayla Muscat ES - Mrs Helen Parker
Performing Arts - Monday PE - Wednesday Art - Friday	Art - Monday PE - Monday Performing Arts - Friday
1C Miss Liz Purcell	1D Miss Michelle Lamont ES - Ms Emma Sullivan
PE - Monday Art - Tuesday Performing Arts - Wednesday	PE - Monday Art - Wednesday Performing Arts - Wednesday
1E Mrs Krysta Flahive ES - Mrs Lindita Balla	
Performing Arts - Monday Art - Thursday PE - Friday	

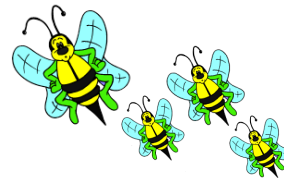
INDEPENDENT GRADE 1 STUDENTS

This term we are encouraging independence. Please encourage your child to:

- walk into the classroom alone
- carry their bag to and from school
- pack their own bag
- organise their belongings (lunch box, red bag, library and homework books)
- change their own reading books and write text names in their diary
- tie their own shoe laces.

It would be appreciated if you could encourage these expectations at home.

Another way to support your child's independence is to say goodbye outside the grade 1 building at the beginning of the day and wait for your child outside at a designated place at the end of the day, e.g. seats near the canteen or playground.



PICK UP

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.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ANZAC Day Holiday - Thursday 25th April

School Photos- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday the 8th May

Animals of Oz Incursion - Wednesday 15th May

Curriculum Day- Tuesday 3rd June

Queen's Birthday Holiday - Monday 10th June

Reports to go home - Friday 21st June

Parent Teacher Interviews - Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June

SWPBS

Our four school values are: - **Be Safe** - **Be Responsible** - **Be Respectful** - **Be a Learner**

Feel free to use this language at home to enhance the home/school connection.

It's also important to note that the courtyard is a passive place where students should be quiet, calm, and walking at all times, including before and after school.

RED BAG

Each night your child will bring home their red bag, which contains:

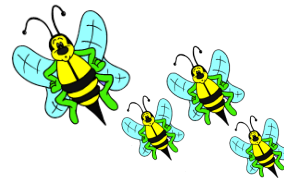
- Home Reading Diary
- A reading book
- Homework book
- M100W word book or Look Say Spell Cover Write Check word book

Reading at home is an important part of your child's learning. Please spend 10 minutes listening to your child read their book and M100W words. If your child has spelling words please assist them with the Look Say Spell Cover Write Check process.

Please make sure their **RED BAG** is brought to school **EVERY DAY** so your child can take home a new book to read each night. M100W or Look Say Spell Cover Write Check will be checked and updated weekly by your child's teacher. Students are also encouraged to place important notes or newsletters in their red bag.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY because EVERY DAY COUNTS

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 AND WATER

Each day your child will be given a 10 minute break to have a piece of fruit. It would be good if you could provide your child with a piece of fruit every day. We also encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school each day to avoid interrupting learning time to get a drink outside the classroom.

KEY CONCEPTS COVERED THIS TERM

Reading

- Text structures and features
- Summarising
- Questions and Questioning
- Reading strategies e.g. stretch it out, break it up, using pictures
- Think aloud - having discussions about books

Writing

- Procedural texts e.g. a recipe
- Information Reports
- Recounts
- 6+1 traits
- Writer's Notebooks

Maths

- Mass
- Location
- Time
- Addition and Subtraction
- Place Value

Inquiry

This term we will be focusing on 'Australia and the Dreamtime'. Students will participate in activities where they will explore Australian seasons and weather patterns, natural and constructed landmarks and indigenous culture. The unit will also include an incursion called Animals of Oz (Wednesday 15th May), which will allow students to explore animals and their features.

We are looking forward to an eventful Term 2.

Regards,

Grade 1 Teachers