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Year 1 Term Three Newsletter 2025

Welcome back to Term Three. The students have settled back into school very smoothly and we are looking forward to an exciting term of learning. For your information, we have included a summary of some of the learning activities and key events we will be participating in this term. This newsletter will update you with some information for the upcoming term, but if there is anything else you need to know, or you wish to share with your child's teacher, please make an appointment by phoning or emailing the office or sending a note into school with your child.

Important dates:

- Thu 7th August – Education Week Assembly and Open Day
- Mon 18th August and Thurs 11th September Field of Mars excursions – information sent via schoolbytes
- Thu 21st August – K-2 Book Parade
- Fri 28th August – K-2 Tabloid Sports Carnival
- Friday 26th September – Last Day of Term Three

Class Weekly timetable

Our timetable is flexible and will change often; however, there are some activities throughout the week which you need to be aware of:

- This term will have 2 sports days. On **Mondays** students will have gym and on **Tuesdays** they will take part in grade sport. Sports uniform should be worn on both days.
- Your child will attend weekly library borrowing sessions in the school library and will be allocated a day. Please return library books promptly. Books can be returned to the library before school on most days.

Absences

If your child misses a day of school, please use the parent portal or the absentee tile on the SZapp, to inform the school as soon as possible. Emails will go out regularly to inform parents of any unexplained absences, including late arrivals on our records. If you are notified of an absence, please respond as soon as possible with the reason for the absence by one of the following methods:

- If the unexplained absence is from within 7 days or less, please indicate a reason for your child's absence in the parent portal.
- If the unexplained absence is from over 7 days ago, please indicate a reason for your child's absence in the school contact us form.
- If you believe the unexplained absence is incorrect in any way, please inform the school using the school contact us form.

In the event your child has repeated or ongoing unexplained absences, we will continue to try to contact you about each absence to provide appropriate support for you and your family. Every day of school matters.

Morning & end of day routines

- Children will be collected by teachers from the area between the hall and canteen in the mornings and dismissed from the same location. It is important that your child is at school **before 8.55am** so they commence the day in a settled way.
- End of day **pick up** - Year 1 will continue to line up at the same location as morning dropoff for parents and carers to pick them up at 2:55 pm. Children who catch the bus home or attend after school care facilities will be taken to the designated location at bell time. **Please make sure your child is aware of the pick up arrangements** for each day.

Communication

If you need to talk with your child's teacher, please make an appointment in advance so that there is time to have a proper discussion and to ensure you receive the privacy and attention you deserve. If teachers have any concerns, they will contact you by phone or email. Due to staff/grade meetings and professional development, teachers are unavailable on some mornings and most Wednesday afternoons. You can contact the school via the office or send an email.

Assembly

Year 1 assemblies continue to take place in the school hall on Wednesdays (odd weeks, 11.20am-12.00pm), with a class hosting and presenting a short item. Parents can attend the assembly when your child's class is hosting. Class teachers will communicate when class assemblies are rostered.

Parent helpers

Parents can continue to volunteer in your child's class this term. Class teachers will communicate when parent helpers are required via a class note or through their 'Class Parent'. Any parent/guardian volunteering to assist in the classroom is required to complete the child protection procedures and visit the office to complete the appropriate documentation prior to their first volunteer date.



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Homework & Spelling

Teachers will continue sending the Year 1 homework grids and spelling lists home fortnightly this term. Children are expected to complete the activities in their homework book and hand them in on Fridays, fortnightly (odd weeks). The homework grid will tell you when News presentations will happen. Classroom teachers will let the children know when their news presentation day is. This term, students will participate in the Public Speaking Competition. More information will be sent home soon.

Key Learning Areas (KLAs):

English

Our focus for Term 3 will be the exploration of informative texts. The concept of inference; the process of drawing conclusions based on evidence from rich literature texts will be explored, as well as the features of informative texts. Students will be given opportunities to express themselves and their relationship with these English concepts through the exploration of minibeasts. Through the study of connections to their world, students will engage with literature which will culminate in producing an individualised research project on a minibeast of choice. This closely links with our Science unit, 'Schoolyard Safari'. Literacy activities will also continue daily through phonics, handwriting, grammar, writing and reading groups.

Mathematics

Within the teaching of mathematics students will explore representing whole numbers, multiplication and division, fractions and three-dimensional shapes. This will be taught through a combination of explicit teacher instruction and practical activities designed to help students develop their understanding of the concepts being taught.

Geography

Year 1 will be involved in learning activities related to how we, as members of a local community, can care for the natural built environments surrounding our homes. The students will examine how the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders used the natural environment and how they have a connection to it. This unit will also examine the weather and how that affects the way we live.

PDHPE

In Term 3, the children will be participating in grade sport, Gym and athletic sessions. Gym and athletics will take place on Mondays. Grade sport will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Students may wear sports uniforms and running shoes on these days. Teachers will continue to refer to & responsively teach from the school-wide wellbeing programs, UR Strong & Program Achieve (You Can Do It) to support student social skills and development. Students will also participate in a child protection unit. They will describe their unique qualities and strengths and consider how these can be used to help themselves and others stay safe. They will also learn that everyone has the right to be safe.

Science

Students will complete the unit 'School Yard Safari'. By observing the features and behaviour of small animals, students glimpse the diversity of animal life. Students observe the external features of small animals leading to a better understanding of how their features help them survive in their habitats. Through investigations, students learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves. They explore and compare the habitats of different animals.

Creative Arts

This term in Visual Arts students will have the opportunity to develop their creative skills through different mediums such as craft, sketching, painting, pastels, water-colours etc.

General information reminders

- 'Crunch & Sip' will continue at 10:00am each morning. This is a break time in most NSW primary schools for students to 'refuel' on fruit and vegetables and 'rehydrate' with water. No other snacks or drinks are permitted.
- Please remember to label all clothing, food containers and school supplies. Unfortunately, permanent marker isn't always permanent.
- If a child needs to take medicine at school, parents/guardians are required to take it to the office and complete appropriate documentation.
- Please make sure we have up to date emergency contact information - it is really important!
- Please be aware that as part of the school's procedures to minimise the risk of anaphylaxis in children with food allergies, sharing of food is not permitted. For this reason, we request that you do not send birthday cakes or edible treats for the classroom teacher to distribute to children.
- Communication folders should also be brought to school everyday. This is to ensure students have a safe place to put any notes that are handed out/returned, as well as a safe place for home readers.
- Payments are made electronically through the school invoice system. These are sent via the schoolbytes platform, so please make sure your contact details are up to date with the office. Downloading the school app "Schoolzine" for your smartphone is an excellent source of information. It is regularly updated and includes the weekly "Newsflash".

Kind regards, Year 1 Teachers.