

# Year 1, Term 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all have had a relaxing and restful break and are feeling refreshed! We cannot believe it's term 4 already! We have a busy term ahead and we are very excited as it is filled with lots of enjoyable and engaging learning heading towards Christmas!

## CURRICULUM

**Religion- God's Creation:** Students will connect with and identify the wonder of God's creation.

**English- Daily Literacy Block:** With Independent Reading and Writing continuing to be a major focus; Handwriting, Spelling (Soundwaves), Speaking, Listening and Grammar (Grammar Rules). Through our literacy groups, Year 1 will be discovering and exploring 'Christmas around the world'.



**Maths-** We begin this term with connecting numbers and continuing to develop our Addition and Subtraction strategies. After that, we are looking at the properties shapes and their application for measuring Area. We then move onto Chance and Data and to finish off the term, we are immersing ourselves in Financial Literacy.

**Geography- People and Places:** We will be exploring places within Australia and Australia's location in the world.

**Science- Living Things:** Investigating the features of living things in the world around us.

**PE- Sports and Games:** Our focus is to explore a variety of movements leading to some preliminary game focussed skills such as Touch Football, netball and cricket skills.

**Health-** (taught by Jacqui Bolger once a fortnight): Characteristics which makes us similar to others and unique as well as how safety in our environment depends on behaviour.

**Art-** Students will be involved in the creation of Christmas artworks and will adopt a number of artistic strategies to develop their artworks using paint, print, drawing and digital technologies. Art this term will be integrated with elements of Christmas Around the World and our Geography unit.

**Music-** This will be taught by Mrs Jade Presser each week. Children will explore movement, music and songs.

**Library-** Library days are **Wednesday** morning for 1P, **Friday** for 1M and **Monday** for 1<sup>ST</sup>. Please make sure all Library books are brought to and from school in a Library Bag.

**Sport-** The children will need to wear their Sport uniform on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Full summer sport uniform should be worn to school on these days. A hat must be worn when participating in sport outside.

### **HOME READERS, SIGHT WORDS AND MATHS MENTALS**

Sight Words and Maths Mentals will commence in Week 2. Each week your child will be provided with their Sight Word list and Mentals books on **Monday** and asked to return them to school on **Friday**. Home Readers will be changed when your child has read each reader and brought back in to change.

**It is imperative that children read for 20 minutes each and every night. This can be done in many different ways; you can listen to your child read to you, your child may like to listen to you read, you may even take in turns reading a sentence or page to one another or read together simultaneously. Don't forget to fill in the details in the reading log each night.**

### **FRUIT BREAK**

Please remember to pack some fruit and send a water bottle for your child each day. Please ensure the fruit is small or alternatively cut up for easy eating.

### **ABSENCES AND NOTES**

Written notes are required to explain all absences, including children who are arriving late or leaving early from school. This is a requirement for the class roll, which is a legal document.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 18<sup>th</sup>- School Photos
- October 24<sup>th</sup>- Year One Excursion to Junee.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> -Christmas Family Event
- December 13<sup>th</sup>- Year One performs for Young Retirement Village Christmas Party

### **CONTACTING US**

If you have any concerns about your child or any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are unable to take phone calls during class time, but can always return your calls. If it is easier, you can email us anytime and I will contact you as soon as possible.

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Kindest regards,

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