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YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO YEAR ONE

The children have had a very settled start to the year and are enjoying the learning in Year One. Many of them have made new friends in their new learning environments. We are looking forward to working with the children this year.

The Year One team would like to take this opportunity to welcome any new families who have joined the Good Shepherd community this year.

As Year One students we want the children to become more independent and take responsibility for their learning and their actions. We ask for your assistance in developing independence in your children by allowing them to carry their bag, unpacking their own lunch boxes and handing in notes.

The Year One team have high expectations and are hopeful that we can work in partnership with you to support the children to reach these expectations.

We encourage you to keep up to date with grade and school events. Please check your child's bag for notes daily and read the weekly newsletter.

Homework:

The children work hard at school all day and we would much rather see them spend quality time with their family developing their oral language skills. The homework set by the Year One teachers is developmentally appropriate. The priority in Year One is reading, any other tasks are at the parent's discretion.

TERM ONE LEARNING

In Term One the children will be deepening their knowledge across many different subject areas:

Religious Education: The children will study the units – Jesus Our Friend, Lent: Growing Together and The Last Supper.

English: The children will continue to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Mathematics: They will learn about whole numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and 2D shapes.

Science and Technology: They will be learning about the 'Living World'.

HSIE: The students will learn about the unit, 'Past and Present Family Life'.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education: The children will learn about their health, safety and well-being. They will also develop some basic movement skills including; running, throwing and catching.

Creative Arts: They will work in the areas of Visual Arts and Music.

Punctuality:

Please remember that school starts at 8:30am. It is important that the children arrive on time to maximise their learning. Arriving late means the children miss out on reading tasks and it causes disruption to valuable learning for all students in the class.

THE YEAR ONE TEAM

1B: Mrs Karen Fairall and Mrs Stephanie Van Weverbergh

1G: Mrs Bronwyn Micallef

1R: Mrs Janice Saliba

1W: Miss Briana Quinn

Learning Support: Mrs Cathy Moylan

Grade Leader: Mrs Trish Conner

Premier's Reading Challenge

Our aim is to have ALL children participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Please complete the form and return it to school.

CLASS CAPTAINS TERM 1

1B – Harlow Pinot and Robin Alto

1G – Ana Setefano and Liam Stone

1R – Emma Xuereb and Alex Rizeq

1W – Tadeana Goodwin and Gabriel Dela Cruz

Important Dates:

Meet the Teacher BBQ:
Wednesday 12th
February 4:30-
6:30pm

**Good Shepherd
Open Day:**
Sunday 1st March
10 am

Library Borrowing

All Year One classes borrow on Tuesday...

All students are to bring a library bag to borrow books.

If you don't have a school library bag an old pillow case, cloth bag or a strong plastic bag will be fine.