

Year One News

Term One 2021

Welcome to our Year One learning community.

How time flies! The students have made a very settled start to the year and are enjoying the learning in Year One. Many have made new friends and some have re-connected with their friends from last year. They were very excited to meet their Year 5 buddies last week and look forward to their next get together.

The Year One teachers would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families who are new to our school community. We wish you and your children a smooth transition into your new school.

As Year One teachers, we aspire for our students to become independent and to take responsibility for their own learning and actions.

We ask for your assistance in developing independence in your children by encouraging them to carry their own bags, packing and unpacking their lunch boxes into their backpacks and ensuring that notes are handed up to the teacher on entering the classroom.

We seek the very best for our children and in Year One we have high expectations for every child to reach their full potential. Hence our endeavours to establish and maintain a partnership between home and school to best support our children's learning and growth this year.

We encourage you to keep up to date with grade and school events. Please access the Skoolbag app, the school weekly newsletter and check your child's bag for notes daily. In the near future.

Arrival at school and preparation to enter the classroom

Once students are dismissed to go to their classes in the morning, they are to put their bags on the hooks outside their classroom and play till they hear the music. It is suggested that your child chooses a tag or coloured ribbon for their bag, so that it can be identified easily.

We adhere to the NO HAT NO PLAY policy at all times.



Please label your child's belongings, especially hats, bags and lunch boxes. It makes it easy to find when lost or misplaced.

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at **8:30am**. It is important that students arrive on time to maximise their learning. Arriving late results in students missing out on valuable learning for all students. A good start to the day sets the tone for learning.

Attendance

Attendance at school is critical to ensure successful learning. We understand that children get sick at times and should stay home when they are sick. If your child is sick, please ring the office after 9am to let us know. A short letter to explain the reason for the absence is required the day he/she returns.

Homework

The children work hard at school all day and we would rather see them spend quality time with their family developing their oral, social and movement skills or The homework set by the Year One team is primarily **reading** and practising their vocabulary. Any other homework tasks are at the parents' discretion.



Library Borrowing : Tuesdays

Please ensure that your child packs their library bag with books to be returned.

Sports Uniform to be worn on WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS only.

What are we learning in Year One this term?

Religious Education	Students are investigating <i>Who is Jesus?</i> Statement of Inquiry: (rationale for learning) <i>Through Jesus we build a relationship with God</i>
English	A daily literacy block is in place. Students will continue to develop their reading, writing and oral language skills.
Mathematics	Students participate in a daily Numeracy block of one hour. They will learn about whole numbers, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, patterns, 2D and 3D shapes. <u><i>Please support your child in learning the sequence of the days of the week and the months of the year.</i></u>
Science & Technology	Students will be learning about the topic: "Living World"
HSIE (History & Geography)	History (Terms 1 & 2) Topic: Past and Present Family Life <i>An excursion to Pioneer Village is being planned. (COVID safety depended - more information later this term)</i>
PDHPE	<u>Personal Development & Health:</u> The students will learn about their health, safety and wellbeing. <u>Physical Education:</u> (Teachers: Ms Maccaffey & Mrs Dhiman) The students will develop skills including running, throwing and catching
Creative Arts	Visual Arts (in class) Music, Dance and Drama: Mrs J. Hocking and Ms D. Touzell

Thank you for presenting your child so beautifully in their uniforms. Please be reminded that suitable haircuts are an important part of our school uniform expectations. Please refer to regular reminders in the Parent newsletter and the Parent handbook on our school website.

Thank you for covering your child's books and returning them to school..

The Year One Team

			
<p>Mrs Stephanie Van Weverberg 1G Teacher Reading Recovery Intervention Teacher</p>	<p>Mrs Tiffany Reid 1G Teacher</p>	<p>Mrs Janice Saliba 1R Teacher</p>	<p>Mrs Marina Camilleri 1W Teacher</p>

			
<p>Mrs Amie Keown Learning Support Teacher</p>	<p>Mrs Beulah Frankson Grade Leader Numeracy Leader/ EMU Intervention</p>	<p>Mrs Cathy Moylan Teacher Year 1B (Components of Literacy)</p>	<p>Mrs Trish Conner Year 1B (Components of Literacy)</p>