Year 1 - Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome all the students back to school for Term 3!

This term will be another very busy term of learning for Year 1 students. Here is an overview of some of the important events for Year 1 students. Some dates are subject to change so please check the school website and newsletter regularly for the most up to date information. If you have a smartphone, please get the skoolbag app to receive updates on upcoming school events. The school website has some easy instructions to assist you setting this up on your smartphone.

Excursion - Riverside Theatre - All students who have paid are looking forward to our Riverside Theatre excursion tomorrow. (16.7.15) We need all students at school no later than 8:15am in the hall. Buses will be leaving promptly at 8:30am, we can’t wait for your child if you are running late. If you could assist the class teachers by packing their lunch and recess and bottle of water in a small backpack. Students are required to wear full school uniform and bring a hat. All backpacks and clothing should be clearly labelled with name and class. We also request if your child has asthma that they bring their puffer labelled with any instructions and give this to the class teacher. Students should have a light breakfast. If your child is prone to travel sickness, please advise the class teacher. We will have limited time to mark the roll before boarding buses, please encourage your child to use the toilet before you leave home.

SPORT - Year 1 will be continuing to hold sport lessons on Tuesdays this term. Please ensure students wear their sport uniform each Tuesday.

LIBRARY - Students will continue weekly library lessons and need to remember their library bag to borrow a book. Monday - 1ES and 1W Tuesday - 1L and 1B Friday - 1N
IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>Book Character Parade will take place during this week. Date to be confirmed.</td>
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Home Reading

Home reading is commencing again for Term 3. Each Wednesday they will receive two new books. The students are to return their home reading folder every day for independent reading in class. The Home reading Program focuses on reading for enjoyment. These readers should be easy for your child to help develop their fluency.

Some helpful tips to assist your child with home reading:

**Before Reading** - Tell them the title and look through the book and talk about it so your child knows what it is about.

**Whilst Reading**
- Encourage reading that "sounds like talking"
- Remember the pictures give lots of clues about meaning
- Let your child keep reading when the meaning is maintained
- eg/ child reads "the boy rode the pony" instead of "the boy rode the horse"
- If your child doesn't know a word, suggest they reread from the beginning of the sentence, say the first sound or first chunk and think what might make sense
- Praise self corrections

**After Reading** - Talk about the story and share their favourite part
- Praise their efforts make this a fun and positive experience.

If your child is tired or reluctant, read the book to them or read a page each.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please call the office and leave a message for your child's teacher, send in a note or see your child’s teacher in the afternoon to arrange a time that will be suitable to meet.

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