Year 1 - Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome all the students back to school for a very busy Term 4!

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.

**SPORT** - Year 1 will be continuing to hold sport lessons on Tuesdays during this term. Please ensure students wear their sport uniform each Tuesday. All classes will be involved in a free NRL clinic for 3 weeks and this will begin on Tuesday October 20th.

**LIBRARY** - Students will continue weekly library lessons and need to remember their library bag to borrow a book. If your child has an overdue library book, please return it as soon as possible so your child can borrow again.
- Monday - 1ES and 1W
- Tuesday - 1L and 1B
- Friday - 1N

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Home Reading

Home reading is commencing again for Term 4. 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 -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.

Mrs Sivell and the Yr 1 teachers

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