Welcome to our first Year 1 newsletter! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Summer holidays. I am so looking forward to having a fantastic year with you and your child. We had lots of fun on our first day together and can’t wait to come back tomorrow! 😊

Calendar dates

15/2  Parent Info Night
      6-7pm in the Senior Music Room.

17/2  Parent Group Movie Night
      ‘Sing’ showing from 7-9pm on the oval

Don’t forget the ‘Tiqbiz’ app for important school announcements.

Reminders

By the end of the week, please ensure your child has brought in:

- their green school hat
- an art smock
- a library bag
- a pair of slippers to be worn inside the classroom
- 2 boxes of tissues (or 1 per Semester)

Please label EVERYTHING - food tubs, jumpers, sports balls, etc.!

What we’re learning

Reading

- Looking at the pictures
- Beginning sounds
- Chunking and syllables
- Nouns, proper nouns & adjectives

Writing

- Punctuation ( . , ? ! )
- Recounts
- Descriptions
  (All using the VCOP program.)

Maths

- Skip counting
- Patterns
- Place value
- 2D & 3D shapes
- Symmetry

Other

- Knowing Me, Knowing You
  (getting along activities)
- Logging on and off computers
- Exploring Microsoft Word
- Mathletics and Reading Eggs
Take home readers:

The take home reading program will commence on Monday the 6th February. Your child will bring their green reader bag home on this day with a reader in it, as well as their First Year 1 word list. The aim of this program is to provide regular and enjoyable reading opportunities to supplement the reading lessons your child participates in at school.

Before school reading will also begin on Monday the 6th February in our classroom. This runs from 8:45 until 9:00am. A reading roster will be displayed in the classroom. I encourage as many parents as possible to come in each morning so that every child has somebody to read to. There is no morning reading on Tuesdays due to assembly.

Assemblies:

Year One classes will be leaving our classrooms at 8.50am on Tuesdays for school assemblies starting next week. Students will be seated in their house colours. We will also be holding Year One assemblies fortnightly on Thursday during the school day to celebrate student achievements and learn songs and dances.

Class representative:

We are looking for a parent to become our class representative. This job involves making a list of parent contact details and organising social gatherings throughout the year. It makes everyone’s year more enjoyable! Please let me know if you’re interested ☺

Birthdays:

If your child is celebrating a birthday, you are more than welcome to bring along some treats to share with the rest of the class. Simply let me know in advance so that time can be set aside for this. Please check with me regarding student allergies, e.g. nuts.

Brain Food:

We are very busy in Year One so we request that all ‘Brain Food’ be manageable for your child to eat within 5 minutes. Bite sized pieces of fruit and veggies are ideal. Please encourage your child to place their brain food on their table each morning.

Some final info:

• Children are required to wear hats outside this term as part of our SunSmart policy.

• Please wait to collect your child outside of the Year 1 building at 3.30pm. The more room we have to walk classes out through the doors and steps, the better ☺

• Icy-Poles will no longer be available for purchase during Summer months.

• Notices will come home this year in your child’s green reader bag. Red notice folders won’t be used this year. Newsletters will be sent out each month and also uploaded onto our school’s new awesome website. Be sure to check it out if you haven’t yet!

• Written notification is required whenever your child is absent from school. All student absences need to be accounted for on our online attendance system.

If you have any queries, concerns or compliments please feel free to email your child’s teacher at any time throughout the year.

It’s going to be a great year!

The Year 1 team