



Year 1 News - February

+ 2 days of January

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

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| 6/2 | Prep-Yr 6 Parent Info Night
More info to follow |
| 23/2 | Parent Group Movie Night
'Paddington 2' showing on the oval |

Don't forget the 'Flexibuzz' 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 (1 per semester)

Please return your child's photo/walking/ICT permission forms as soon as possible.

Please label EVERYTHING – hats, clothing, food tubs, sports balls, etc.!

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

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

Maths

- Place Value
- Skip counting
- Symmetry
- Addition
- 2D & 3D shapes

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (*Ll, Tt, li, Jj, Uu*)
 - Punctuation (C . ? !)
 - Recounts
 - Descriptions
- (All using the VCOP program.)

Integrated & ICT

- Knowing Me, Knowing You (getting along activities)
- Exploring Microsoft Word
- Maths Invaders
- Athletics and Reading Eggs

A note to you

Take home readers:

Our take home reading program will start on Monday the 5th 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. Further information regarding the Year 1 Word Lists will also be provided.

Morning reading will begin on Monday the 5th February in our classroom. This runs from 8:45 until 9:00am. A reading roster will be sent home as well as 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.

Assemblies:

School assemblies will continue to run on Tuesday afternoons from 2.40pm - 3.30pm. We will also be holding Year One assemblies fortnightly on Friday during the school day to celebrate student achievements and learn songs and dances. Year One assemblies alternate with our Year One Fitness program to promote a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Class representative:

We are looking for a parent/s 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:

With a jam-packed timetable, we kindly 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.
- Doors to the Year One building are opened at 8.45am. 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 ☺
- This year, notices will come home in your child's green reader bag. Red notice folders aren't used in Year One. Class newsletters will be sent home each month and also uploaded onto our school's website.
- Written notification is required whenever your child is absent from school- either an email or handwritten note. 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 classroom teacher at any time. Emails are provided on individual class newsletters.

Looking forward to a great year!

The Year 1 team