

Dear Parents and families of Year One students,

Welcome to 2020 😊

We are looking forward to celebrating many milestones and achievements with you and your children throughout this year.

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday over the summer. It was lovely to meet you all during the Introducing My Child meetings and thank you for bringing in and labelling your children's books – this helps so much with classroom organization.

This year the teachers in the Year One team are:

- Mrs Kate Cugnetto and Mrs Sharon Kandell in 1-21
- Ms Sarah Cunningham in 1-22
- Mrs Rose Di Cecco in 1-15
- Mrs Lauren Heath in 1-16



Year One Parent Information Evening: Recently you received a Compass alert regarding the Year One Information Evening which will take place on **Wednesday 19th February** at 7pm. Please let your child's teacher know by February 14th if you will be attending. The information evening will be held in the school library.

Home Reading: This will commence in week 4. Students will be familiar with the process of reading to a family member each night and they will have the opportunity to select a new book at the beginning of each school day.

Food Allergies: Please be aware that in each of the Year One classes there are students who have specific food allergies (some of which can be potentially life threatening). All classes will establish a process to ensure everyone can safely enjoy their lunch in the classrooms and this includes not sharing any food with other students.

Parent helpers in the classroom: please refer to the notice on Compass regarding helping in your child's classroom and the parent helper timetable. This will begin in week 4.

School Photo Day: shortly students will receive their personalized order form for this year's school photos. Individual photos will be taken on **Tuesday 3rd March** and family photos will be taken the following day on **Wednesday 4th March**. Please check Compass for full details.

Family Fun Night: save the date ... **Thursday 12th March**

Responsible Pet Ownership Program:

In school activity ... **Thursday 19th March...** more information will follow shortly.

Party bags: during the year some students who are celebrating their birthday choose to hand out party bags to their classmates. Due to food allergies we ask that you ensure party bags do not contain any food products.

Our learning focus in English:

All year one classes will be establishing and setting up their Reading and Writing Processes which will support a smooth and effective running of the English lessons.

Our learning focus in Mathematics:

The focus is to develop confidence with number sequences to and from 100 by ones and also skip count by twos, fives and tens starting from zero.

Students will work towards developing fluency with forwards and backwards counting in meaningful contexts by playing games such as Buzz, Kings and Queens and Dice Game.

Mathletics tasks will be set by your child's classroom teacher. The set tasks will support the weekly focus in Maths. Students' usernames and passwords will be the same as the one they used in Prep. However, a copy of this will be placed in your child's Home Learning book.

Our Inquiry based learning will focus on:

The Quality Beginning Program which includes setting up and establishing process that will foster and support a smooth running of the classroom programs. Students will determine what an effective classroom looks like, sounds like and feels like.

The Year One teachers value a positive parent/teacher/student relationship. Feel free to pop in anytime to say hello as we'd love to see you. If you have any queries or concerns throughout the year, please email your child's classroom teacher to organize a time to meet.

Looking forward to seeing you at the **Parent Information Evening**.

Kind regards,

Year One Teaching Team 😊

