



Welcome to Year One

The children are settling into class routines and we are enjoying getting to know all of our students and their families. We look forward to working together to assist students learn and grow in a safe, nurturing classroom environment.

One Gold

Teachers	Education Assistant
Mrs Sarah Potts (Monday/Tuesday/Friday)	Mrs Cindy Sangalli
Mrs Jessica Hultink (Wednesday/Thursday)	

One Blue

Teacher	Education Assistants
Miss Melissa Casella	Mrs Natalie Zisa-Wares Mrs Zoe Newman Mrs Sam Garcia

Specialist Classes

Monday- Science (Mr Schelfhout)

Tuesday- Italian (Mrs Zisa-Wares)

Wednesday- Geography (Mr Schelfhout)

Thursday- Physical Education (Mrs Schelfhout)

Friday- Music (Mrs Lockyer)

Library borrowing: To be confirmed

RELIGION

Our school Religious Education Programme is based on units of work which cover areas relevant to the children's lives. The programme is systematic and sequenced, helping children to relate our Catholic faith to their daily lives.

Year 1 is rostered to attend mass as a class, once a term, every term during the year. This term this is on the 17th of March at 9:00am at the Church. We will be preparing a mass later in the year to celebrate the Assumption of Mary. We also invite families to come to our 'Family Mass' on Sunday the 3rd of May at 5:30pm. We will remind you of these dates which are published on the school website.



Religion	English	Mathematics
Year One Religion program concentrates on self, family and friends with God as the focus.	In year one we focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sounds of letters • CVC words • Sight words • Writing • Reading • Spelling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and Algebra. • Measurement and Geometry. • Statistics and Probability. Concrete/hands-on approach at students' level. Small group activities.

Spelling

Year 1 students have been tested on spelling and will be issued spelling lists which they work on in class. The lists will be based on Diana Rigg's Phonic and Sight Word Sequence.

Handwriting

During the year children will be introduced to writing letters using the New South Wales writing format on solid lines, and later in the term, dotted thirds.

HOMEWORK

Homework will commence in Week Three for Year 1 students. The most important aspect is reading (recorded in diary each night).



► Daily Reading (Weekend optional)

The books that are taken home SHOULD BE EASY for your child to read. The focus is on reading fluency (how the reading sounds when it is read out loud) and they should get no more than one/two errors per page (preferably none). Class teachers will focus on teaching students at a 'harder' level focusing on decoding strategies.

► Homework Grid

This will be attached inside your child's yellow reading journal at the beginning of each term.

► Family Message Book

Each Friday, your child will be given time in class to write a message in their Family Communication Book.

They will bring this book home over the weekend to share their writing with their family.

A family member will write a message in response to the child's writing and return the book back to class by the following Friday.

There will be a note attached inside the book containing more information.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWS TELLING ROTATION

- A note will be sent home with more information at the end of the week. The students will have news once a fortnight.

MORNING ROUTINE

Arriving to school on time and following a morning routine is a wonderful way to settle your child into school for the day.

- ▶ Doors open at 8.40am
- ▶ Your child will need to:
 - ▶ Place their drink bottle in the trolley.
 - ▶ Change their reading book and sign their name to indicate they have done so (Commencing Week Three).
 - ▶ Some mornings they will be asked to read to an adult.
 - ▶ Find a fine motor activity to complete.
 - ▶ When the bell goes at 8.50am, pack away and sit on the mat. If you arrive late, please see reception for a late note.

COMMUNICATION



teacher.

*Newsletters are emailed by admin each fortnight. It is very important you read these and return any relevant notes promptly.

*Parents are asked to make appointments for parent/teacher meetings (before 8:40 or after 3:00pm confirm by email/seesaw message).

*Please send a written note of absence to the teacher on your child's return to school, even if you have already verbally discussed the absence with the

Phone the school office on 9294 5500 or email by 8.40am if your child will be absent or late arriving to school. If you have not notified the school office or class teacher you will be notified via SMS of their absence. You will need to follow this up with a written note or email to your child's class teacher.

"Sign In" your child at the school office if they have arrived late to school.

"Sign Out" your child at the school office if your child needs to leave school (e.g. for appointments with doctor, dentist etc.) and then "Sign In" when they have returned.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please label all items clearly. A school hat is compulsory. All Year 1 children must wear their sports uniform on their sports day for Physical Education with Mrs Schelfhout on Thursdays. Faction shirts are to be worn in terms 1 and 3. We appreciate your support in adhering to our school uniform policy.

PARENT HELP

- We would greatly appreciate parent help in a variety of subject areas this year. We would love to have some parent help in the mornings before school to listen to student reading. If you are available, please let a teacher know on the day and you will be given a small number of students to listen to.
 - We will be in touch with other parent help opportunities as they arise.
- In regards to parent help, each child has different strengths and weaknesses which is developmentally appropriate at this age.
- If any issues or concerns arise, please organise a time to come and see the classroom teacher. We are always happy to meet with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **1 Gold Assembly:**
Term 1 Week 6 - Friday 13 March
- **1 Blue Assembly**
Term 4 Week 2 - Friday 23 October
- **Pre-Primary/Year One Family Mass**
Term 2 Week 1 - Sunday 3 May
- **Faction Carnival**
Term 1 Week 9 - Friday 3 April

General information

Online Ordering for lunches (Subway)

Birthdays - Treats to share are welcome these will be distributed at the end of the day (please no eggs or nuts).

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Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful year in Year One.

Warm regards,
Year One Team