

# Parent Information

## Booklet

### Welcome to Year One



### 2022

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 to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing classroom environment.

#### One Gold

Teacher	Education Assistant
Miss Genevieve Valkoff	Lauren Johnston
	Peta Yuckich
	Debbie Grimm

#### One Blue

Teacher	Education Assistant
Mrs Melissa Coniglio	Natalie Zisa-Wares
	Freda O'Connor

### Our Learning Areas

#### Religion

Our school Religious Education Program is based on units of work which cover areas relevant to the children's lives. The program is systematic and sequenced, helping children to relate our Catholic faith to their daily lives. Alongside this, we implement the Making Jesus Real Program, which is aimed at helping our students gain and maintain a positive attitude to life and live like Jesus each and every day.



Year 1 is rostered to attend Mass as a class, once a term, every term during the year. This term this is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May at 9:00am at the Church. We also invite families to come to our 'Family Mass' on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. We will remind you of these dates via Seesaw as they get closer.

## **In Year One we focus on:**

### **English**

- Sounds of letters
- Sight words
- Writing (Talk For Writing)
- Reading
- Spelling.



### **Sounds Write**

This year we will continue implementing the highly structured phonics program called Sounds Write. This program will be used to teach students the sounds letters make to help them read, write and spell.

### **Handwriting**

During the year, children will be introduced to writing letters using the New South Wales writing format on dotted third lines.

### **Mathematics**

- Number and Algebra.
- Measurement and Geometry.
- Statistics and Probability.

In Year One we use a concrete / hands-on approach to teach Mathematics. We work with students in small groups to target their individual learning needs.

### **Specialist Classes**

**Monday** - Physical Education (Mrs Borromei)

**Tuesday** - Science (Mr Schelfout) & Music (Mrs Hultink)

**Wednesday** - Italian (Mrs Zisa-Wares)

**Thursday** - Geography (Mr Schelfout)



# Homework

## ❖ 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 Journal

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.

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# Classroom Routines

## 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**

\*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 office staff.

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 Borrromei on Mondays. Faction shirts are to be worn in Terms 1 and 3. We appreciate your support in adhering to our school uniform policy.

## **Parent Help**

There will be various opportunities throughout the year requesting parent helpers. We will be in touch about these opportunities via Seesaw as they arise.



# Important Dates



## School Photos:

Term 1 - 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February

## Swimming Lessons:

Term 1 - 14<sup>th</sup> March - 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Mothers Day Mass Year 1:

6<sup>th</sup> May

## 1 Blue and 1 Gold Assembly:

Term 2 - 24<sup>th</sup> June

## Year One Family Mass

Term 4 - 13<sup>th</sup> November

## Athletics Carnival

Term 1 Week 9 - 29<sup>th</sup> March

## St Anthony's Feast Day

13<sup>th</sup> June

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## General information

Online ordering for lunches (Subway) on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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

## Contact details

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

Warm regards,

*Year One Team*