

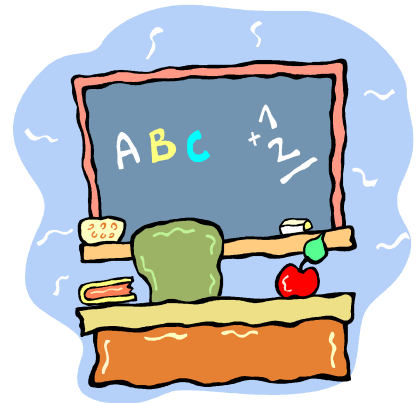
Year One Newsletter – Term 3 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term Three. This term Gay Saunders will continue to take the class on a Wednesday. Each Wednesday Gay will be working through the children's Grammar Rules Book and Handwriting Book and teaching Science and Health.

I will be taking three weeks long service leave at the end of term (September 7th – September 25th), during this time Elena Carey will be taking the class. Elena Carey will be working in Year Four and Year Two relieving other classroom teachers who are taking long service leave this term, so children will have the opportunity to meet and get to know Elena Before she begins in Year One.

Please find below the topics we will be covering this term across all learning areas.



Religious Education

- I am Special - Baptism
- Friends Together - Church
- Just Imagine - Jesus

English

This term we will be looking at report writing. We will be reading examples of this genre as a class. Children will continue writing recounts and experimenting with different genres of writing.

This term we will be focusing on the following sounds in Spelling: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, tw and final sounds: ft, ld, nd, nk, st.

Grammar – Gay Saunders

In grammar children will be continuing with the Grammar Rules book this term, the areas covered will revolve around words used to write a 'recount' and will involve some new concepts such as the introduction of verbs and the revision of the use of nouns and adjectives taught in terms 1 and 2.

Monday Literacy – Jane Pintaudi

The focus for term three will be command verbs, exclamations, adjectives for speech and movement, and sequencing using time vocabulary. Revision will continue for proper nouns and simple punctuation.

Students will listen to a literature stimulus, examine examples from the text, and then create their own piece of writing demonstrating understanding of the grammar/punctuation concept introduced.

Mathematics

This term in Maths we will be focusing on:

- Number and Place Value
 - Recognising, describing and ordering Australian coins according to their value
 - Recognising and describing one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole
- Measurement and Geometry
 - Recognising and classifying basic 3D shapes
 - Giving and following directions to familiar locations

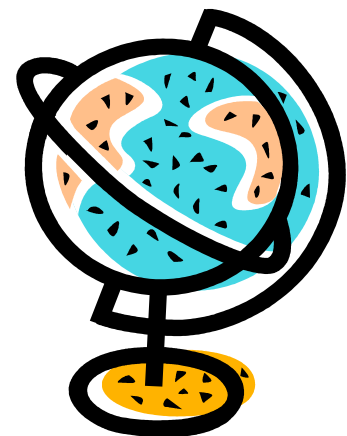
This term we will begin working through Mathletics activities. Children are encouraged to access Mathletics at home to consolidate Maths concepts covered in class.

Last term we spent a lot of time learning tell time to the hour and half-hour. I encourage parents to continue practising these skills with children, as they are lifelong skills that will continue to need development.

Geography

This term in Geography we will be learning about Aboriginal Culture:

- Dreamtime stories
- Traditional Aboriginal food, shelter and clothing
- Traditional Aboriginal tools
- Differences between Traditional Aboriginals and our culture



Physical Education

Children will have Physical Education on Tuesdays with Ms Jodi Newton.



Library

Children will swap their library books on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child remembers their library bag and book.

Technology and Enterprise

This term children will be designing and creating a pillow. If there are any parents/grandparents who are able to assist sewing pillows together, please let me know.

Health - Gay Saunders

This Term's Health Program will focus on strategies for keeping healthy through making informed food choices as well as exploring factors that influence our eating habits.

Throughout the program we will use the official 'Australian Guide to Healthy Eating' as our guide.

<https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/guidelines/australian-guide-healthy-eating>

Science - Gay Saunders

In Science this term we will be linking the program to the Health topic by exploring natural and processed materials found in food and water and the chemical and physical changes that can occur when we alter their properties.

Art - Nancy Cassian

We will be experimenting with textiles this term in our Art lessons.

The students will begin by learning basic weaving techniques with paper.

This will then lead on to other weaving and stitch-making with wool and fabric to create a unique design.

Homework

Homework remains the same this term. Please ensure that spelling is checked each night so that children are not practising possible mistakes throughout the week.

Parent Helpers

Parent assistance with morning reading groups Monday-Thursday from 9.00am-9.30am would be greatly appreciated. A roster is posted at the back of the classroom. Please discuss with your child that you may not always be able to work with their group when volunteering.

Dates for your diary

100 th Day of School	Friday 31 ST July
School Disco	Friday 31 st July
Whole School St Dominic’s Day Mass – Year 1 organising	Friday 7 th August
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Book Week	24 th to 28 th August
Year One Excursion to Cambridge Library	Friday 28 th August
Constable Care Incursion – Protective Behaviours	Thursday 3 rd September
Father’s Day Breakfast	Friday 4 th September
Athletics Carnival (Y1 –Y6)	Monday 7 th September
Open Afternoon	Thursday 17 th September
Open Morning	Friday 18 th September
Grandparents and Special Friends Whole School Mass	Wednesday 23 rd September
Last Day of Term	Friday 25 th September

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to another great term with you and your children.

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