



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another term of Year One! We hope everyone had a relaxing break after a very busy Term 2. It is great to see that the children have settled back into their school routines with ease. This letter is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by reading with them every night and practising their High Frequency Words regularly. With the weather being cooler in the mornings, please make sure that all of your child's belongings (beanies, gloves, jackets etc) are very clearly labelled as the children remove extra items of clothing as the day warms up or when they are inside.

Our specialist classes (Art, PE, Spanish) are scheduled for Thursday 12 midday to 3pm

Mathematics

This term, students will be given many hands-on opportunities to understand and explore:

- Fractions– sharing materials into equal groups. Examining halves and quarters
- Place value– Looking at hundreds, tens and units and as an extension, exploring thousands
- Addition and Subtraction– Including friends of ten, doubling and bridging to ten
- Capacity– Measuring the capacity of a variety of objects
- Money– Identifying and ordering Australian coins.



Science

Our inquiry unit is called 'Schoolyard Safari'. By the end of the unit students will;

- be able to explain how living things meet their needs in the environment
- name external features and behaviours of living things.

Our excursion to the zoo is linked to this inquiry.

Geography

In geography, student will;

- investigate the similarities and differences between natural, managed and constructed environments
- explore the place they live in and belong to, and learn to observe and describe features, and why it is important to them.

Physical Education & Health

Students will be involved in regular P.E. sessions throughout the week that will focus on the fundamental motor skills. The children will also continue to attend a lesson on Thursdays with Miss Taylor as a part of their specialist rotations.

Spanish Language and Culture

In Spanish this term , we will be learning and revisiting Spanish basics using songs, stories, rhymes and pictures.

Year 1 children will be participating in the National Day of Uruguay activities with the Embassy of Uruguay on the 11th of September.

W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will :

- focus on ways to display kindness to others
- Identify problem solving strategies for use during minor disagreements in the classroom and on the playground.

English

The children will continue to be involved in a wide variety of specific activities to develop their skills in reading, writing, viewing and oral language. They will:

- learn about the structure of a simple sentence
- use personal experiences to write recounts making simple sentences
- continue to develop their letter/sound knowledge
- learn about the structure of narratives
- begin writing their own narratives
- use environmental print and sight words to enhance their writing and reading
- participate in whole unit differentiated literacy groups focused on student needs.

Music

Students will attend a specialist drama, music and dance lesson each week for 45min with Mr Fabio Fabbo.

In music students will;

- explore the use of voice and body percussion to develop aural skills
- experiment with and reproducing sounds, pitch and rhythm patterns.
- explore instruments used to compose a simple musical piece.

Library

The children will continue to participate in a library lesson with Ms. John on Tuesday and Friday. Please encourage your children to bring a library bag to school.

The Arts

The children will participate in media arts using a variety of media, such as magazines, photos as well as the children's own drawings to create unique art works.

Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium– Tuesday the 13th of August.
- ⇒ Book Week– week 5, Parade Friday 23rd of August
- ⇒ Father's Day stall—week 6
- ⇒ Book Fair—week 9
- ⇒ Learning Journey - **week 9**
- ⇒ Junior Assembly – weeks 4 and 7
- ⇒ Whole school– weeks 3,6 and 9

Protective Behaviours

In the first five weeks of the term we will be completing our Protective Behaviours unit. During this time we will focus on teaching the children how to keep safe in a variety of situations.

