What's Coming Up

- Labour Day Holiday – Monday 10th March
- Information Night – Tuesday 11th March
- Close The Gap Day – Monday 17th March
- World of Maths – Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March
- School Photos – Monday 31st March
- Science Information Night – Tuesday 1st April
- Science Information Night – Wednesday 2nd April
- P-2 Athletics Day – Friday 4th April
- End of Term One – Friday 4th April

Homework Expectations

In year one, we expect that every child will read for 10-15 minutes each night and record what they have read in their diary (for example ‘Fantastic Mr. Fox’ read to page 6) with a parent signature.

We will be starting our spelling program in a few weeks. Each child will receive 5 words from a personal spelling list that will be practiced at home and school and tested at school on a Wednesday afternoon.

What we are learning in Literacy

- The Grade 1’s have blown us away with their incredible independent reading! Each morning, our students begin the day with ‘Read to Self’ time. Students choose ‘just right books’ and read silently for 30 minutes whilst tracking their thinking on their sticky notes. At the moment we are focusing on making connections while reading and have introduced ‘Spinner the Spider’. We are also learning to ask questions (‘Questioning Owl’) before, during and after reading. Reading in the morning is a wonderful way to start the day and the children are doing an amazing job!

- We are extremely lucky to have the brilliant Cheryl Powell from 4/5 working with the Grade 1’s every Monday between 12.30-3.30. Cheryl is our school’s extraordinary Literacy Coach and will be running reading and writing workshops with both grades during this time. Very exciting!

- In grade 1 we will have a handwriting session each week and the worksheet will be sent home for you to see. We are focusing on starting points and sitting our letters on the line.
Reminders

NO NUTS! - Please remember to make sure your child’s lunchbox is nut free! No peanut butter, Nutella or any muesli bars containing nuts.

Art smocks and Library bags - We have started all our programs already so please make sure if your child does not have a smock or library bag at school you send one as soon as possible.

Diaries - Please check your child’s diary each night for any important communication from us. Please feel free to write any messages to us in the diary and ask your child to tell us you have written to us.

Late passes and absence notes - A reminder that any student who arrives after 9.00am will need a late pass from the office. Notes are also required for any absences.

Drop off - In the afternoon we attempt to leave the classroom and be at drop off between 3.20 - 3.30pm.

Tissues - With the arrival of Autumn, we are also encountering lots of sniffily noses! With the cooler months ahead, we would greatly appreciate it if every child could please bring in one box of tissues for our classroom. Thank you for your contribution!

Year One/Two Information Night

Just a reminder that next week is our Year One and Two Information Night. It will be taking place for one hour in the Hall at 6.00pm Tuesday the 11th of March. We will also have a ‘parent helper sign up’ sheet and timetable available for parents who are happy and willing to assist in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

What we are learning in Numeracy

- In maths we are learning to count to 100 by 1’s/5’s/10’s. Students are also practising to count backwards by 1’s from 20. Counting backwards can be challenging! You could try practicing in the car or at home!
- We are learning to model, read, write and order numbers.
- We are learning about Months of the year and our birthdays.
- We are making and interpreting picture graphs.
- We will start to count by two’s