



7 February 2022

Re: Welcome to Term 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 1 Students

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. Year 1 promises to be an exciting, energetic and active year for your student. We will learn about many different topics, obtain many new maths and language skills and be challenged by various classroom projects.

Learning Assistant

In Year 1 this year, we will have a variety of Learning Assistants coming in and out, but you will see Mrs June Zanow around most frequently.

Bell Times

We would prefer our students to arrive at 8:25am ready for an 8:30am start. School finishes at 3:00pm. Please continue to check for updates from the school regarding pick up and drop off procedures and also presence on the school campus.

Chapel and Assembly Time

Whole school Chapel will be held on Wednesday mornings at 8:35am and Assembly will be every fortnight and begin at 8:35am on Friday mornings. We will be in contact with you if your child is receiving an award. Due to current government restrictions, Chapels and assemblies will be held virtually at the start of the school year with dates still to be confirmed.

Library

Mrs Donna Stephens will be our new Teacher Librarian in the GLAD Centre (Growing Learning and Discovering). Please ensure Library books are brought back to school once you have read them as library books can be returned on any school day. The GLAD Centre will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 8:30am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm if you would like to visit with your child- they are allowed to borrow library books at these times. This will begin for the year when the current government restrictions are lifted. You will be notified as soon as possible when normal family borrowing times before and after school resume.

Specialist Lessons

Will commence in Week 2 of Term 1:

In Music with Ms Ellwood, students will participate in active musical play - singing, moving, creating and playing - to encourage social interaction and to develop a steady beat, in-tune singing, and rhythmic and melodic accuracy. In Year 1, students explore patterns in music, and listen and move to music that tells a story.

In Japanese with Poetschka Sensei, students will learn how to write Hiragana; and names of their body parts through songs and activities.

In P.E. with Mr. Wooding, students will learn about different ways to move, play, and stay safe.

Home Learning

Students are required to do 15 minutes of reading each night. Further information will be provided shortly.



Date Claimers

- Tuesday 15 February : P&F General Meeting : 3:15pm
- Wednesday 2 March: Ash Wednesday
- Friday 18 March: Cross Country Prep –Year 6
- Tuesday 22 March : Parent Workshop, VSC for Parent Volunteers : 2:00pm and 6:00pm
- Thursday 31 March: Last day of Term 1 and Parent/Teacher Conversations : 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- Friday 1 April : Pupil Free Day and Parent/ Teacher Conversations : 8:00am – 12:00pm

Uniform

The Uniform Policy can be found in the Parent Handbook. Please note that Year 1 students need to wear black lace up leather shoes for their Formal Uniform and white lace up joggers for Sports Uniform.

- Formal Uniform – Monday and Thursday
- Sports Uniform – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

iPads

The children will be using their iPads from Week 4 (week beginning Feb 28), however, please bring your child's iPad into the school office prior to Week 4 so our IT Department can set up your child's iPad.

Crunch and Sip

- Students can bring a small, **named** container into the classroom containing only fruit or vegetables. No crackers, cheese or yoghurt please.
- Students are encouraged to drink water throughout the day for sip. All students must bring a **water** bottle into the classroom each day. No juice or cordial is permitted.

Morning Tea and Lunch

- Students need to come to school with a healthy morning tea and lunch. Snacks like fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, crackers & dip are very appropriate for morning tea. A Bento Box, sandwich or salad are fantastic options for lunch time. Packaged items are not appropriate for during school hours and create unnecessary litter in the environment.

Nut Free Policy

- Please do not send any food products with your student that contains nuts.

We look forward to teaching your child and getting to know them and your family better through the duration of 2022.

Yours in Christ,

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Year 1 Classroom Teachers

