Welcome back to our last term of Year One!
We hope that all families enjoyed some time together and are feeling refreshed for the busy term ahead!
The following pages outline some information in relation to what our classes are up to this term.
If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.
Have a great term!

Miss de Gooijer and Miss Foong

Rosary Bags
The children will be taking home a special class Rosary Bag. Each child will take the bag home for one night to pray the Rosary with their family and are asked to return the bag the following morning. We ask that you please take care of the items in the Rosary bag.

Literacy
We will continue exploring the genre of narratives and have a go at writing our own! We will also begin learning about persuasive texts by asking lots of questions and expressing our opinions.

We will continue to...
* Learn our sight words — our focus is now on being able to spell them!
* Practice the correct letter formations when writing on dotted thirds paper.
* Read with fluency and expression.
* Learn new spelling sounds and revise what we have learnt already.
* Add detail in our writing to make it more interesting.
* Using capital letters and full stops correctly in our writing.
Mathematics
This term we will be looking at measurement - measuring and comparing lengths and capacities using uniform informal units, data - choose simple questions and gather responses and represent data with objects and drawings as well as revising concepts such money, time and subtraction.

Inquiry Unit
'Stimulating Science'
Rationale: Everything in our physical world changes and understanding how and why these changes occur, helps us in our daily lives.
This term the students will explore multiple science concepts in relation to change. We hope to build their curiosity about their world by encouraging them to ask questions and find answers.

Religious Studies
Our three units of work this term are...

To Love By Working (Prayer)
Many people wonder at God who gave people the ability to work by caring for themselves, others and creation. Jesus wants his followers to show love by working. When Christians continue to try to show love by working and praying they are living, as God wants.

Just Imagine (Jesus)
Many people come to realise that God has created the gift of imagination to help them learn. Jesus used his imagination to teach about God's love and to help people use their imagination to show love.

Prepare (Advent)
Members of God's family prepare every year to celebrate Jesus' birthday during a special time called Advent. They remember and celebrate the story of Jesus' birthday at Christmas. Followers of Jesus also celebrate Advent and Christmas by showing love for God and others in a variety of ways.
Spelling

The children completed a mini spelling test at the end of last term to determine our new focus groups. They will continue to bring home their new spelling sound each Monday to practice as part of their Purposeful Practice Grid.

Library

Our library day continues to be on Friday. If your child does not return their book each week they will be unable to borrow a book. Your child also requires a library bag in order to borrow each week. We have some beautiful new stories donated during our Book Fair and are encouraging the children to look after them at home.

Homework

Our Purposeful Practice Grids will continue this term. A copy will be send home with your child at the beginning of the week. A copy is also placed on our school website – under ‘Learning’ then ‘Year One’. Please ensure that your child’s completed grid is returned on the specified day.

Reading Roster

Our reading roster is ready volunteers! If you can spare some of your time to listen to the children read...even for 15 minutes... please sign up! The more the merrier! The roster is located on the wall just inside our classroom. Our reading roster will continue to be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered throughout the year!
**Bits and Bobs**

**Uniforms**

Just a few friendly reminders in regard to uniforms...

* Hair ties, headbands, ribbons etc are to be in school colours (yellow, black or navy blue).

* No 'socket' type socks – we need to be able to see your child's white socks!

* Please remove any nail polish from your child's fingers.

* Earrings are to be a simple stud or sleeper style...nothing fancy please!

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Edudance**

The Year One children will be participating in Edudance this year. Our scheduled lesson will be on Thursday afternoons. All their hard work will be celebrated in an Edudance concert later in the term!

**Two-Way Meetings**

Two-Way Parent Meetings will begin in Week 5 on Tuesday the 8th of November until Friday the 18th of November. Please refer to the school website for booking details.

**Community Mass**

The Community Mass this term is 2nd November beginning at 8am. It would be wonderful to see you there!

**Hats**

Please ensure that your child has their hat every day...a safe place for it is in their school bag!

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*The more that you read, The more things you will know. The more that you learn, The more places you'll go.*

-Dr. Seuss