

Year One **Blue** and **Gold**

Term Two Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome back everyone! It is fantastic to see the Year One's back from holidays and ready to go! The following information outlines some of our learning and other important information for this term.



LITERACY

The students will continue to be introduced to new sight words and spelling sounds each week; work cooperatively during literacy rotations; write on smaller lines; use fewer capital letters (unless they are at the start of a sentence or name); remember to leave correct spaces between words; as well as form letters the correct way!

Our writing will focus on how to write a Procedure and Recount.

SPELLING

Children will continue to bring home a new spelling sound to revise each week as part of their nightly Purposeful Practice. They are encouraged to add more words to their spelling list and to practice spelling these words in a variety of fun ways - writing in glitter pens, using magnetic letters, letters from magazines etc. We suggest keeping your child's spelling lists (in a display folder for example) so you and your child can easily refer to previous sounds.

MATHEMATICS

Our Mathematics program continues to introduce the students to new numeracy concepts as well as revisiting previous learning through games and group activities. We will investigate Addition, 2D and 3D shapes, the language of Chance, Patterns, as well as practising Skip Counting by 10's and 5's.

GUIDED INQUIRY

The Features of Places

Our Guided Inquiry will take on a Geography focus for Term Two. Students will investigate the concept of *Place* through studies of what places are like and how their features have changed. They will learn that places can have natural, managed and constructed environmental features and explore how these can change over time. Included in these understandings are the significance of weather and seasons and the ways different cultural groups, including Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, describe the seasons.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Loving Others

This unit introduces the students to the many ways they use their bodies.

We will wonder at what our bodies can do, and about our Creative God, who created the human body.

We Make Choices

This unit explores the choices we make as people and explores the ways in which Jesus also made choices.

Friends Together

Our last unit for the term focuses on the experiences people have of friends, including loving friends and making new friends. The unit encourages students to think about showing love and kindness to their friends.

ROSARY BAG

May is one of the months dedicated to Mary. The students will bring home the class Rosary Bag for one night. The Rosary Bag contains all the necessary things for you to pray the Rosary at your home. Please ensure the bag is returned to school the following day.

READING ROSTER

Our reading roster for this term is up and running as of Week 3, Term 2. If you can spare a few minutes one morning a week to listen to children read, please sign up to the roster in your child's classroom. Please also note; in order to volunteer, you must read and sign the **Parent Volunteer Agreement form**, You can collect a copy from your child's teacher.

Please assist your child to ensure they bring their blue note folder to school each day with both their reading book and sight words book inside.

Independence in Year One

We are encouraging the Year One students to use the drive through system before and after school. They are very comfortable now with our daily routines and are very capable of getting themselves ready for the day - walking to the classroom on their own, carrying and unpacking their school bag etc. This will not only encourage independence but also free up car park bays for our Kindy and Pre-Primary parents/carers who must drop-off and pick-up their child from the classroom door. Thank you!

LIBRARY



Our library day continues to be on Thursday for both Year One classes. If your child does not return their book, they unfortunately will not be able to borrow a new book so encouraging good organisation skills with your child is important. Each child also requires their library bag in order to borrow.

UNIFORMS

Please ensure that your child continues to bring their hat each day with their name clearly written on all items including their school jacket. Our goal is to have no lost/missing jackets during the cooler weather!

Friendly reminders...

- Simple, neat and tidy hair.
- Hair that needs to be tied up needs school coloured hair ties or ribbon.
 - Nail polish to be removed before Monday morning.
 - Correct white socks covering ankle - no low ankle socks.
 - Appropriate haircuts -no extreme styles.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PURPOSEFUL PRACTICE GRIDS

Weeks 2-3

Weeks 4-5

Weeks 7-8

IMPORTANT DATES

| MAY | JUNE |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2 May- Community Mass 8am● 11th May - Year 2 Assembly followed by Mother's Day Morning Tea● 14th May - Parent Reading Rosters Begin● 28th May - Mazenod House Day● 25th May - Year 1 Assembly | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 4th June - WA Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY● 6th June - Three Way Interview Day● 17th June - Feast of St Emilie De Vialar Mass & Parish Food Fair● 27th June - Community Mass 8am● 28th June - Online Sem 1 Reports available● 29th June - Last Day for Students |

Reminder:

If you need to discuss anything with your child's teacher, please be courteous of their busy schedules and arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet via email. Thank you for your cooperation!

It's shaping up to be another busy but exciting term!!

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