



Dear Families,

# Welcome to Stage One - 2024 Years One and Two

Happy New Year! Here is some information to start our year.

We have five Stage One classes:

- **1M** with Mrs Mule and Miss Garden on a Friday.
- **1W** with Miss Wiese
- **1B** with Miss Brown
- **2C** with Mrs Chant (Ms Jeffries will teach 2C on Thursday to release Mrs Chant for her Assistant Principal admin duties).
- **2D** with Mrs Donohoe

## **Some dates for Term One:**

**Week 3 – Tuesday 13th Feb.** Textbook selling day. Please make sure all orders are placed prior to this day. Details can be found on SchoolZine.

**Week 4 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Meet the Teacher - Parent information night

**Week 7 – Tuesday 6th Feb.** 3-6 Swimming carnival – All students in Year Two who are turning 8 years old during 2024 and are able to capably swim 50 metres are eligible to attend.

**Here is a brief overview of topics this term...**

***See the Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses for more information***

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/25cb2fe5-c5f4-4ce8-920c-6b4b108bb30a/parent-guide-to-the-primary-syllabuses.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

## **English**

‘In English, students learn to read, write, speak, view and represent language. They learn about the English language and literature through working with a wide range of interesting texts. Students learn how language varies according to context, and how to communicate with a range of audiences for different purposes. They learn to read for information and pleasure. Students gain a sound grasp of language structures, punctuation, spelling and grammar. They also learn to think in ways that are imaginative, creative and critical.’ (Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses)

## **Mathematics**

There will be a strong focus on teaching all students to have a positive attitude towards mathematics tasks and to believe that they are mathematicians. ‘Differentiated lessons in all strands of the NSW Mathematics syllabus will be undertaken each week. Mathematics focuses on developing students’ mathematical understanding, fluency, communication, reasoning and problem-solving through their study of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. These capabilities enable students to respond to familiar and unfamiliar situations, using strategies to make decisions and solve problems relevant to their further education and everyday lives.’ (Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses)

## **SPORT**

This year we will continue to have sport on a **FRIDAY**. Can all children please wear their sports uniform on this day.

## **Library and Home Readers**

Students will need to bring their library bags and home reader bags to school from Week Two. Library day will be on Tuesdays.

## **Homework**

During Term One, homework will focus on reading every day. Please make sure your child has a home reader bag so they can start borrowing as soon as possible. Don't forget to send in the Home Reading Logbook after 10 days of reading.

## **A few reminders**

- Please make sure that notes are provided for absences within 7 days after the absence has occurred.
- Please make sure that ALL of your child's property is clearly labelled, including clothing and personal items.
- Birthdays - Iceblocks are always welcome (and preferred as they are individually wrapped). For your convenience these can be ordered through Flexischools Canteen ordering and will be delivered to the classroom by the canteen.

**Soon, each teacher will send home the QR code for you to connect to SEESAW. We will be continuing this form of communication for messages this year so please make sure you sign the 'permission to publish' note and connect as soon as you receive your specific code so you don't miss out on any messages or posts about class activities. For official meetings and more in depth information please email your child's teacher. For urgent messages such as changes to pick up arrangements please contact the office.**

- If you feel there is some relevant information that we should be aware of to assist us in taking care of your child, we are always available for a chat. Send in a note or email to arrange a mutually agreeable time.
- Attached is a survey for you and your child to fill in. If this can be completed and returned as soon as possible we would really appreciate it.
- We strongly believe the best outcomes for children are achieved when home and school work closely together and we look forward to meeting you all.

Best regards,

## **Stage One Team**

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## **Stage One Contacts**

I am interested in being the class parent    yes /no

I agree to my details being passed onto the class parent    yes / no

Please fill in your details below:-

Child's name.....

Parent/s name .....

Parent/s email.....

My phone.....

Your help is always welcome and appreciated, whether it be every day or occasionally.

**We hope that you will be able to join us in the classroom soon. Please indicate below if you would like to help and your child's teacher will be in touch when Covid restrictions ease.**

Please indicate when/how you would like to help out (eg; reading, writing, maths.)

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Do you (or any Grandfriends that you know) have a particular skill or interest that you would like to share with the children, e.g. gardening, sewing, crafting, cooking, painting, drawing, weaving, building.

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