**Year 1 Newsletter, Term 1 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school for 2022! We hope that your child has settled in well to their new class and is enjoying being back at school. We are enjoying getting to know your child and your family.

This term we will be focusing on establishing classroom expectations and routines with a strong emphasis on the school motto ‘Learning Together’ and our 6 school values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Effort, Excellence and Empathy.

In Reading, the students will develop their ability to read independently for sustained periods of time and will apply reading strategies to assist them in improving their reading fluency and comprehension. In Writing, students will become authors, creating their own texts. In Mathematics we will explore topics from all Mathematics strands including, counting, data, place value, capacity, length and time.

It’s going to be a busy and exciting Term One, full of fun learning!

Take home reading has begun and your child should be bringing home books daily. Please ensure your child is reading for a minimum of ten minutes a day and returning their take home book each day with their home reading signed off in their student planner. Read with your child, to your child and have them read to you. Homework books and spelling are sent home fortnightly and are expected back on Fridays – see homework sheets for correct dates. Beginning this year homework sheets will now be posted to Seesaw and students will have the option of uploading tasks.

Please ensure your child has an appropriate hat (broad brimmed) for the duration of Term 1. Students without hats will spend recess and lunch under shaded areas as per the school policy and department guidelines. Please ensure your child’s hat is clearly labelled with their name. As the warm weather increases, we also encourage students to bring water bottles to stay hydrated during the day. Cordial, juice, milk etc. will NOT be allowed during class times.

Your child will participate in Physical Education, Art, Kitchen Garden/STEM and Performing Arts this year as part of the Specialist Program. Library sessions are also timetabled for each class. Please bring along an art smock and library bag to school as soon as possible. If you have already done so, thank you. On your child’s Physical Education day could you please ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear.

If you need to speak to your child’s teacher outside of Student Learning Conferences this term, please make an appointment to meet with them at a suitable time to ensure your discussion can be in-depth and avoid interruptions. Alternatively, you can phone the school on 9743 0633 and leave a message for the staff member to call you when they are available.

**Upcoming Events & Important Dates**Wednesday, March 2nd – School PhotosWednesday 9th March / Thursday 10th March - Student Learning Conferences
Monday, March 14th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 8th April - Last day of Term 1

**Specialist Classes**

Below is the Term 1 Specialist timetable. Students require a bag to borrow and must return library books at their next session. Students should attempt to wear runners on their PE day.

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| **Class** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **1 Gonzalez** | PE | Performing Arts | Kitchen GardenVisual ArtsAUSLAN | Library |  |
| **1 Jane** | Kitchen GardenPEAUSLAN |  | Performing Arts | Library | Visual Arts |
| **1 Estelle** | PEKitchen GardenLibrary | AUSLAN | Performing Arts | Visual Arts |  |
| **1 Ahern** | Performing ArtsLibrary | Kitchen Garden | PE | Visual ArtsAUSLAN |  |

**Visual Arts with Mrs Lidia Woolley**In Term 1 students in year 1 will be investigating drawing using oil pastels as well as other drawing tools. They will explore different techniques such as mark making and will be encouraged to use a variety of different lines when creating their artwork.

**Performing Arts with Ms Christina Muster**

In Levels 1 and 2, students continue their exploration and learning about how ideas and stories can be imagined and communicated through drama. They improvise and create roles, characters and situations and learn about focus and identifying the main idea. They share their drama with peers and experience drama as audiences. Students learn about safety in dramatic play and in interaction with other peers.

**Kitchen Garden with Ms Christine Butcher**

During first semester students will participate in a range of activities to promote healthy eating and be able to make informed choices about the foods they eat. They will be involved in planting seeds and vegetables in the garden, tending to these and then using the produce from the garden to make healthy recipes to eat in the Kitchen Garden Classroom Restaurant. They will also be looking at what happens when different ingredients are mixed with others to produce a new substance.

Can you please make that if your child has long hair it is tied back on the day that they have their Kitchen Garden lesson. Thank you.

 **Physical Education with Mrs Helen Craig**Students will further develop their throwing and catching skills.

Students will participate in minor team games focusing on following rules, playing fairly and working cooperatively with others.

**Year 1 Team,**

Nick Gonzalez (Team Leader), Estelle van Sittert, Jane O’Donnell, and Danielle Ahern.