**Year 1 Newsletter, Term 3, 2022**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! Can you believe we are already in the second half of the year?

It has been great to see our Year 1 students excited to be back at school and settling back into school life and routines so quickly after the holidays.

Take home reading should be continuing 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 after a few days of practice. They can then have their efforts 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. You can choose to submit homework tasks via Seesaw or in your child’s homework book.

In Reading, students will be focusing on solving words, monitoring and correcting, summarising, making connections and inferring. In Writing, students will focus on creating Narratives and handwriting. In Mathematics, students will learn about division, fractions, mapping, and shape. We will continue with the explicit, ongoing teaching of the six school values this term as well as regular Social and Emotional learning.

Your child will participate in Physical Education, Art, 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 (PE) day could you please ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear and have a drink bottle to bring with them. With their classroom teacher, students will also participate in AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Please, check the timetable below for further details regarding days specialist classes are scheduled for your child.

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**

~~Student Learning Conferences - Tuesday, 10th & Wednesday, 11th August~~

**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** | Performing Arts | AUSLAN | PE | Visual Arts Library |  |
| **1 Jane** | Performing Arts | STEM | PE | Visual Arts  Library | AUSLAN |
| **1 Estelle** | PE Library | Performing Arts  AUSLAN | Visual Arts | STEM |  |
| **1 Ahern** | PE  Library | Performing Arts  STEM | Visual Arts | AUSLAN |  |

**Visual Arts with Mrs Lidia Woolley**In Term 3 year 1 students will be exploring the use of watercolour paint and black glue to create a bright watercolour artwork.

**Performing Arts with Ms Christina Muster**

Students will be learning to dance and sing to many familiar and new songs. They will revise how to play several instruments and play/compose simple tunes.

**Physical Education with Mrs Helen Craig**Students will focus on developing their striking, catching and throwing skills. They will apply their skills in minor team games with a focus on cooperation with others and fair play. In gymnastics they will explore ways of moving and developing control when stopping, starting, springing and landing. They will begin to link movements to form simple sequences.

**Year 1 Team,**

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