Welcome to Year 1!

Mrs Orlando in 1Gold and Mrs Kirby and Mrs Hale in 1Blue are looking forward to a great year with all the talented children of Year One! We are excited about the fun and interesting learning opportunities that will be happening over the year. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion please make an appointment to see us by sending a note, asking us to arrange a time or contacting the office.

Save the Date!

**Library**
Library Borrowing is every Monday. Don't forget to bring your library books back!

**Sport**
Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Wednesday and Friday.

**Homework**
Homework folders are to be returned every Friday. Home reader folders need to be returned daily.
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Jesus our friend. We explore the gifts and challenges of friendships, and identify ways Jesus showed love and friendship to others. Our second topic for the term is Lent: Growing Together. This topic focuses on understanding and appreciating Jesus as the incarnate Son of God who loves us and invites us to grow in relationship with Him. Our final topic is Easter Triduum: The Last Supper. We will be looking at the Easter Story and understanding and appreciating the Church’s sacraments and are invited to share the special presence of Jesus.

Throughout the term we will have many opportunities to learn formal prayers and conduct our own prayer services focusing on scripture.

English

This term our reading focus is to use our reading strategies to help sound out new words and to make meaning with the text. We will be working on writing good sentences with the correct punctuation and using a range of strategies to spell new words. Everyone in Year 1 will participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term we will be focusing on efficient counting strategies counting by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, from a variety of different numbers. We will also focus on mental addition and subtraction strategies such as number partners to 10 and 20, combining numbers that make 10, counting on and counting back.
**Science and Technology**

In Science and Technology lessons this term we will be exploring the concepts of Sound, and identifying sources of sound. Students will be exploring how sound is used and how it travels through different materials.

**Human Society and Its Environment**

This term in HSIE we will be focusing on “Workers in the Community”. Students will identify roles and responsibilities within families, schools and the local community and how they should interact with each other.

**Creative Arts**

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will be putting together a variety of art works that integrates with other Key Learning Areas.

The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore on Wednesday.

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education**

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on ways to keep healthy and safe and explore choices related to food.

The children will participate in PE lessons with Mr Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.
General Information

Our sport day will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Could you please ensure your child has his/her hat especially on these days.

Your child will be bringing home their work books. Could we please ask for your cooperation in having your child’s books covered in clear plastic or contact and returned to school promptly.

Guided reading books will be brought home everyday for the children to practise their reading. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are kept safe and returned to school each day for the children’s lessons.

Each Year 1 class has a ‘Mascot’. Every child will have the opportunity to take the mascot home overnight. Students are invited to journal their evening or weekend activities by writing, drawing or taking photos of their fun times. Students will share this with their class peers the following day.