



# Grade 1 Newsletter

**February 17th, 2016**

## Important Dates

Get to know you  
Interviews

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February

Working Bee  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Labor day public  
holiday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Grade 1 families,

Welcome to week 3! We hope you and your child have fell back into routine and are feeling more settled into the new school year.

Thank you to the families who attended our Grade 1 Information Night this week! We appreciate your attendance and interest in the year ahead. We covered all things Grade 1 including our timetable, literacy, numeracy, STEM, our new behaviour management plan, resilience and much more! If you were unable to attend on Monday, please see your emails for a copy of the Information booklet.

### *Booking "Get to Know You" Interviews and our new Parent/Student Portal*

This year all bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews, including our "Get To Know You" Interviews, will be done online using The Patch Parent / Student Portal, through Sentral systems.

You should have all received an email with simple instructions to create a login and user name/password for Portal access.

If you have **not** received this information by email, it will be due to the school having incorrect email details for your family. Please contact Maddie in the office as soon as possible to update your information and receive your login key.

Booking interview times can be done by clicking on the "Interview" tab, which will be at the top left of your screen.

If you have more than one child, you can view them simultaneously by opening up the portal in separate tabs in your browser.

Term 1 is also a time for housekeeping, so on that note, we would like to put out a reminder to please sign and return the following notices as soon as you can:

- **Emergency SMS contacts form**
- **Extreme fire days form**
- **Photo permission**
- **Local excursion permission form**
- **Internet code of conduct**

It is imperative that these notices, in particular the emergency SMS contact forms are returned ASAP. These forms can come to us or directly to Maddy in the office. We appreciate your help!

## **DIARIES**

Term 1 is all about establishing routines and getting to know each other! Your children have demonstrated how organised they are by entering the classroom promptly at 8.50 and following the morning routine. Students are showing that they are responsible by packing their own reader folders and changing them daily. We encourage the children to write their nightly reading into their diary to keep a record of their books. You may see a stamp, note or signature from us to indicate that we have checked their progress.

## **READING EGGS**

Next week we will be sending home your child's login details for 'Reading Eggs.' ABC Reading Eggs (and Reading Eggspress) is an online reading program to support your child's reading as well as encourage and motivate. Reading eggs will be incorporated into our ICT program, however your child may enjoy practicing their reading at home also. Login and password information will be glued onto the front cover of diaries for easy access. Enjoy!