



WELCOME TO YEAR 1

We would like to welcome students and their families to the new year. We hope you had a relaxing holiday and we look forward to a fun and productive year ahead.

ENGLISH

This term we will begin reading groups in week 3. Students will be learning and revising a range of reading and comprehension strategies such as predicting and making connections.

We will continue to develop students' knowledge of letter-sound relationships and high frequency words. In handwriting, students will develop letter formation in their handwriting books.

This year, we are incorporating quality literature and vocabulary into our literacy sessions. We will investigate the use of grammar including sentence structure and simple punctuation, and we will explore vocabulary related to our inquiry unit about weather to improve reading and writing outcomes.

INQUIRY

This semester our over-arching theme for inquiry is 'Changes'. During term 1, we will be learning about changes in the weather and how these are connected to the seasons. Students will be learning the skills of questioning, analysing and communicating their ideas through various learning opportunities in the classroom. They will be provided with learning experiences to strengthen these skills, which can be applied to all learning areas.

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SPECIALISTS

Drama: Students will respond to and create drama using voice, facial expression, movement and space through improvisation, games and storytelling.

Music: In music, year 1 will perform a repertoire of simple songs and rhymes. They will learn the concept of beat and rhythm.

Sustainability: Each week, students will take part in a 45 minute Sustainability lesson with either Emily or Mel. These lessons will involve learning about natural, managed and constructed environments and how these may be cared for. Key dates for this term will be Friday 5 March for 'Clean up Australia Day' and Friday 27 March for 'Earth Hour Schools Day'.

MATHEMATICS

In class we have an interactive, hands-on approach to the teaching and learning of maths. This term, our focus areas will be number and place value (we will learn to recognise, read, model and order numbers to at least 100), fractions (recognising half as two parts of a whole) and measurement (ordering objects based on length and capacity).

PE, HEALTH & FRIENDLY SCHOOLS PLUS

In Friendly Schools Plus we focus on learning about self-awareness, which enables us to recognise and regulate our emotions.

This term, students will be participating in weekly P.E. sessions to help develop and improve fundamental movement skills. We will also participate in cooperative indoor and outdoor games regularly to develop students' resilience and teamwork skills.

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Music | | Rockmelons and Watermelons | Awesome Apple Berries, Cool Bananas and Magical Mangoes | | |
| Drama | Awesome Apple Berries | Rockmelons and Cool Bananas | Watermelons and Magical Mangoes | | |
| Sustainability | Awesome Apple Berries and Cool Bananas | | Watermelons, Rockmelons and Magical Mangoes | | |