Welcome children and parents to Stage 1, 2015.

We are all looking forward to an interesting and productive year for children, teachers and parents. We welcome volunteers in the classroom so please let your teacher know of your willingness to help.

Stage One consists of 8 class groupings:

1M Miss Skye Martel Parallel Yr 1
1K Mrs Karen Barnes Parallel Yr 1
1B Mrs Brooke Barber Parallel Yr 1
2M Mrs Kerry McKenzie Parallel Yr 2
2L Miss Rachael Leach Parallel Yr 2
2W Mrs Trish Wales Parallel Yr2
1/2F Miss Sarah Fulmer Parallel Yr 1/2
1/2W Mrs Jenny Woodbridge Parallel Yr 1/2
1/2R Miss Marlene Rogers Parallel Yr 1/2

The Home Reading Programme
Children will be encouraged to change their home reader on a daily basis. The purpose of home reading is to improve your child’s speed of reading, so the book should be easy.

Homework
Children will be given a homework sheet each Monday. This sheet will include the week’s spelling list, maths and a grid of suggested activities and challenges. Home reading is also an integral element of homework. Homework should be handed in each Friday. It will be marked and given back to the child early the following week to provide feedback to parents.

Sport
We would love to have you join us as a helper. This year’s program will be skills based (i.e ball throwing, catching and basic introduction to team sport).

Assembly
Whole school assemblies will be held every even week and Stage 1 assembly will be held every odd week throughout the year. Each class will have the opportunity to perform during the year at a whole school assembly. Dates of performances will be relayed to parents via the school newsletter.

Library Times
Library is a half hour lesson each week where children can change their books and learn library and research skills. Children are required to have a bag before they can borrow.

Library times are as follows:

1M Monday 1K Monday 1/2W Tuesday
2M Wednesday 1B Monday 1/2F Thursday
1/2F Thursday 1/2R Thursday 2W Wednesday
2L Wednesday
Scripture
Classes are held in non-denominational groupings once a week for half an hour. All classes receive this instruction from the Ministers Fraternity.

Requirements/Equipment
Children will need a paint shirt, library bag, home reader bag, box of tissues and hand sanitizer. All stationary requirements are supplied for Stage 1.

Technology
All stage one children have a computer lab lesson each week during which children will access the internet. All internet activities are closely monitored and screened. Ipad will be used regularly in class.

Child Protection
This is a mandatory section of the Personal Development Program and will be covered in PDHPE with Mr DeLyall. All students will participate in these important lessons.

Fruito
Fruito is eaten each morning to encourage healthy eating habits. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a piece of fresh fruit daily, eg. Apple, banana, sultanas, carrot sticks, celery, melon, strawberries, peach, nectarines etc.

Absenete Notes
Please send in a note to school directly following your child’s absence from school. The note must outline why your child was absent or it will be classified as an unexplained absence on the roll. A more detailed explanation other than sick is required. You may apply for exemption if you know you are going to be away in advance, for 2 or more days. The school App is a convenient way of sending absence notes.

Appointments with Teachers
Parent interviews will be held in Week 7 this term. If you have important information to relay to your child’s teacher before then, ring or send a note in with your child so a mutually convenient time can be arranged. Stage Assistant Principal, Marlene Rogers, can be contacted via the school office or a note. Please note that staff members are engaged in meetings before and after school and are often involved with lesson preparation, administration, organisation and playground duties before, during and after school and it may not be possible to attend to your inquiry immediately. We thank you in advance for your understanding and willingness to be flexible when requesting appointments.

Collection of Money
When you are sending in money to pay for shows, material costs etc, please make sure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked.

Hats and water
The school has a ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ policy. Hats need to be worn while outside at all times. They are not worn or taken to whole school assemblies, stage meetings, performances and special assemblies.
Children are encouraged to bring bottled water to school, especially during the warmer months.

Labelling Belongings
Please ensure all your child’s belongings are labelled. This makes returning lost items easier.

Core Teaching Units For The Year

- Identifying Us
- Workers in Our Community
- The need for Shelter
- Families Past and Present

The new Science and Technology Curriculum will be implemented this year. The Unit for Term 1 is “Sound”