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Term 1, Week 1-5

# What's happening in Year 1/2?



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and best wishes for 2020! I have enjoyed meeting you during the first week and look forward to getting to know you better throughout the year. This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the first 5 weeks of Term 1. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact me at:

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## Joined by Pre-Primarys

This year we are very lucky to be joined by the Pre-Primarys on Thursday and Friday. All students showed a great deal of excitement to work together during these days. Please note that on both Thursdays and Fridays **all of the children** will be commencing the day in the Kindy/Pre-primary classroom.

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## Upcoming Events

- February 11th - Parent Night 5:30-7:10
- February 12th - Bushfire Safety Incursion
- February 13th - Hockey WA Incursion
- February 21st- Big Bash Sundowner
- February 26th - Ash Wednesday Mass ran by Yr 3/4 @ 10am
- March 6th - Assessment Books go home



## English

During our Writing lessons, we will be exploring how authors use descriptive language to bring their characters to life. Over the next few weeks, students will create exciting descriptions based on well known fairytale characters. We will focus on using 'WOW' words to make our writing engaging and interesting to read. Students have been eager to get involved in class discussions and express their ideas with the rest of the class.

This term we will use small group and whole class reading sessions to help develop reading and comprehension skills, as well as listen to readers individually.

Students will have a chance to practice their oral language skill during news, which will occur every **Wednesday**. News Topics will be sent out each week to remind students and can be found in your Parent Communication Books.



## Inquiry

The inquiry question, 'Who lives in our garden?' will be our class focus this term. Students have already put their scientist coats on and investigated animals that reside in our school garden. We have also comprised a large list of all the possible creatures that may live in our gardens and are starting to take a closer look at these animals. Over the next few weeks, students will begin to explore the features of these animals through research and scientific drawings. This unit will be integrated into our Language Studies and Visual Arts program.

## Homework

Each week students will bring home a home reader book and a reading log. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement. Please listen to you child read every night and talk with your child about the book they read to help develop their comprehension skills. Spelling activities will also be sent home to supplement the spelling rule we are learning in class. An additional Maths challenge may be sent home to develop your child'r problem solving skills. Homework will commence in Week 2.



During our first week we have enjoyed learning number sequencing and how to calculate 1 more/less and 10 more/less of numbers up to 100. Students have worked together and used problem-solving strategies to solve puzzles at varying difficulties.

## HASS and Design & Technology

This term our HASS and Design & Technology unit will be integrated. Students will explore the different ways we communicate with each other. Last week we reflected on how we have communicated with someone who was not in the same place as us. Over the next few weeks we will explore past and present forms of communication and how these forms have changes over time.



## Maths

This term the Year 1 students will be learning the following:

- Number Recognition - Develop confidence with number sequences to and from 100 by ones from any starting point. Recognise, model, read, write and order numbers to at least 100. Locate these numbers on a number line.
- Place Value - Count collections to 100 by partitioning numbers using place value.

This term the Year 2 students will be learning the following:

- Number Recognition - Recognise, model, represent and order numbers to at least 1000.
- Place Value - Group, partition and rearrange collections up to 1000 in hundreds, tens and ones to facilitate more efficient counting.

## Religion

Our Religion unit will focus on the season of Lent as a time to change and remember to live as Jesus taught. In this unit we will also identify ways the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and how Jesus teaches us to love others. Acting with kindness and compassion will be our class focus for this term.

## Library

A reminder that library is every **Monday**. Please ensure that your child's books are kept safe in a library bag.