

1/2 Newsletter

Week 2 Term 1
2019



Important Dates

**Meet the Teacher
Prep and Grade 1/2**
Tuesday 12th Feb

**Parent Information
Night**
Wednesday 27th
February
6pm -7pm



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our Grade 1/2 families. We hope you had a terrific holiday and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. It was wonderful to see the smiles and excitement as our students greeted their friends and entered their new classroom for 2019. It has been a smooth beginning to the school year in the Grade 1/2 area and as you can see from the photos the children have all settled quickly into their new grades and are enjoying being back at school.

Handy Pouches

Handy pouches went home in children's school bags on Monday of this week. This year we will be using these pouches for take home readers, yellow reading diaries, parent notices and Wizzy Word booklets. They will come home daily and we would appreciate it if you could please check the handy pouches regularly. Wizzy Word books should be coming home next week.

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers share a vital role with teachers to support student learning. We would love to welcome some more parent helpers into the Grade 1/2 classes. If you are interested, please let your child's teacher know. Please also be aware, as outlined in the recent school newsletter, we do require all parents and carers assisting with school-related activities to have an up to date Working With Children Check.





Homework

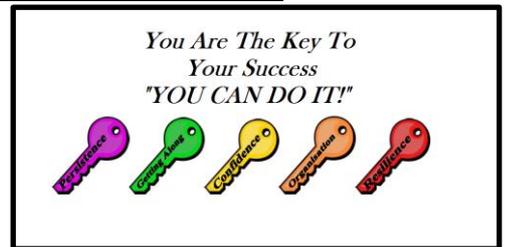
Our usual homework expectation for the Grade 1/2 students is to complete approximately 15 minutes reading at night and a few minutes revising spelling words. As an additional homework task later in the term students will be asked to prepare for and rehearse a short oral presentation. The presentation will involve the students selecting and speaking about a couple of small personal items which have some special significance. Further details about this task will be sent home shortly. Support and encouragement from home with this task would be most appreciated.

Success Means Doing Your Personal Best!

Our first integrated studies topic for the year is 'How I feel'. This topic is based around the "You Can Do It!" program. The students will be learning about what it means to be a successful person and we will spend time investigating the attitudes, character strengths and social-emotional skills that successful people possess.

"The Five Keys to Success"

Confidence, Persistence, Getting Along, Resilience and Organisation.

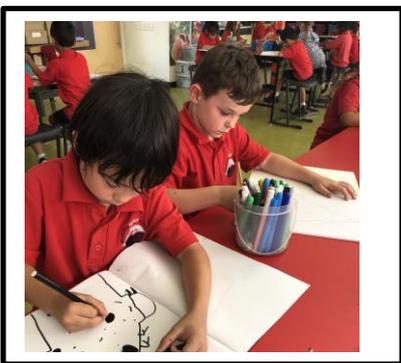


Hats

A reminder to all our Grade 1/2 families that we are a sun smart school and that all students require a hat for outside play during first and fourth term. We still have a few students who are yet to bring their hats back to school after the holiday break.

8:50 Bell

The introduction of the 8:50 bell this week has allowed the Grade 1/2 students time to change readers, put down chairs, boot up computers, hand in notes and money and then be ready to commence learning at 9:00. We would like to thank all our parent community for their support in this area.



Looking forward to a year full of learning, fun and laughter.

From the 1/2 Team

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