Year 1B Newsletter

Week 3, Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 3! I hope that you and your family have settled back in to the routines of school. It has taken me a little while to adjust to the busyness of school days again and have gone home many afternoons exhausted; I can only imagine how the students are feeling!

I have been impressed in the way in which the children have settled into the new routines of Year 1 and with their new surroundings and class mates. They appear quite confident to share their thoughts, ideas and understandings with myself and the class and have a contagious enthusiasm which is wonderful to see!

This week is a big week for the Year 1 students as homework will be coming home for the first time. As discussed at our information night, the students are required to:

- read each night (please record the book read in their yellow reading log, and name these as I do collect their reading logs regularly). Children will swap readers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will take home two readers at a time.

- Spelling words will be sent home this week. In class the students will complete many activities to support their understanding of the sound being taught. Please help your child practise their spelling words every night. Some ideas for spelling practise will be sent home in your child’s home books.

- Sight words are to be practised as much as possible but I understand that three tasks together can become a lot to do every night. Once your child can read each word 4 times without hesitation, please let me know so they can be tested and moved on to the next list.

Lesson Overview:

- **Literacy**: Sentence Structure, Recount Writing
- **Spelling**: ‘sh’ and ‘ch’, ‘th’ and ‘thr’
- **Maths**: Sorting and Classifying
- **UOI**: Relationships in our lives, recognizing feelings
- **Christian Studies**: How people show love and care to others

Dates to remember...

- Tuesday 12th: Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 13th: Ash Wednesday
- Friday 15th: Cultural Infusion Day
- Sunday 24th March: Family Service

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- Don’t let the grey dots stick. -

Last week I read the students a story by Max Lucado called ‘You are Special’ (I highly recommend his books to add to your child’s collection). The story talks about how each of us have been created to be unique, special and important through the use of characters called ‘Wemmicks’. The problem that the Wemmicks face is that they are very judgmental. They give stars to people who have particular talents, gifts or looks and grey dots to those without these characteristics. One Wemmick, although she is given both stars and dots, they simply do not stick to her.

This idea led to an important discussion in our classroom and the students came to following conclusions:

- It doesn’t matter what other people think of us. It only matters what Jesus thinks.
- People shouldn’t say or do hurtful things but when they do its our choice whether we believe it or let it bother us.
- When we are given grey dots we can ‘brush them off our shoulders’ or ‘put the dot in a bubble and blow it away’. The dots don’t need to get us down.

Memory Verse: God is with you in all that you do. Genesis 21:22
This Friday is our Cultural Infusion Day. Throughout the day students will be immersed in some of the cultures from around the world, depicting elements of history, languages and society.

- Students will
  - experience the dances, stories and instruments of West Africa
  - watch the fusion of dance, martial arts, acrobatics, music and song into an exciting high energy African-Brazilian art form Capoeira
  - learn about Japanese festival traditions, hear captivating folk tales and be invited to try their hand on the Taikos
  - learn a fun belly dance routine and the traditional meaning behind some of its movements.
  - learn a fun and energetic Bollywood routine and the traditional meanings.

To embrace this special day, students will be able to dress in traditional cultural clothing. It does not need to be from these areas, remember that the students will need to be able to participate in all of the activities so appropriate clothing and footwear is essential. The canteen is supporting this day by offering meals from these regions. The order forms went home last week. Please return these ASAP.

Due to our Cultural Infusion Day, our library borrowing will be on Thursday this week. Our Chapel service will also be held on Wednesday morning this week. This will correlate with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. After the service students will be receiving ashes on their heads in their classrooms.

This Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. The Year 1 students will be making pancakes on this day. If you don’t want your child to participate in eating pancakes could you please let me know as soon as possible.

Have a great week and God Bless
Laura

What’s happening this fortnight?

Week 3:    Tues: Computing
          Wed: Chapel, Creative Arts, P.E., German, Sports Uniform
          Thurs: Library Borrowing
          Fri: Cultural Infusion Day

Week 4:    Mon: Assembly
          Tues: Computing
          Wed: Creative Arts, German P.E., Sports Uniform
          Fri: Chapel, Library Borrowing Sports Uniform

Class Carers

A big thank you to Bec Beaumont and Deb Dowling who have offered to be our class carers this year. The role of a class carer is to provide support to classroom teachers as well as organise a couple of opportunities throughout the year for parents and children to catch up and mingle. If you know of a family who is struggling, may need some support or just to be let know we are thinking of them, please let either Deb or Bec know so we can organise a care package or meal for them.

Friendly Reminders

- Please bring a photo of your child that they can use in their German lessons.
- If you have not returned your green form handed out on ‘Meet the Teacher Day’ (given out on the first day of school for those unable to attend) can you please return them asap.

Class Blog
Watch this space!

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Sharing:

Week 3: Your Family
Week 4: Someone who is important to me