What’s the buzz in Year 1S?  
Term 4 Week 1 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! I can’t believe it’s the final term of this school year already! I hope you all had an enjoyable school holidays. I spent most of mine working on my back garden as well as doing a few day trips here and there to visit friends. There will be many exciting events this term such as the Family Fun Fair, Year 7 Exhibition and Grandfriends Day so make sure you mark these in your calendar and keep an eye out for further information about these events.

Our classroom has transformed over the holidays from the olden days to a mini zoo! We have got pet guppies, tadpoles and silkworms in our class to help the students learn about life-cycles. In addition to these we also have many plants in the room as we will be looking at plants later on in the term. Feel free to come in and have a look or a chat with your child about these new class members!

As we are in Term 4 please remember that students will need to wear their summer uniform and they will need to bring their hats to school so they can wear them during play times this term.

May you have a wonderful week,

God bless,

Mel Southren

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**WANTED!**

If you or anyone you know has a Mulberry tree could you please bring in the leaves? Our silkworms love to eat these leaves and we have a very limited supply. Thank you!

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**What are the Year 1’s learning about?**

**Literacy**
- Exposition (Persuasive) Writing
- Reading and Comprehension strategies
- Grammar: process and participant

**Sharing Topics**
- Week 1: NO SHARING
- Week 2: Something I have made

**Maths**
- Mental Computation Strategies
- Measurement: capacity
- Shape: properties of 2D shapes

**Christian Studies**
- Religious beliefs and ideas shape people’s thinking and actions
  - Groups we belong to
  - Christian communities in Hahndorf

**Spelling Sounds**
- Week 1: ‘ou’
- Week 2: ‘ow’

**Unit of Inquiry**
- Cycles of change can be observed in living and non-living things.
  - living and non-living things
  - natural cycles: seasons, water cycle

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Helpful Apps for Helping Your Child At Home

There are a number of useful iPad apps that the students have been using in class. I thought I would take this opportunity to share them with you as you might like to use them at home with your child. I have downloaded these on my iPad if you would like to have a look at them first.

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Christmas Shoeboxes

Our school is participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Brochures and boxes are available from the office. If you are unable to put together a whole box you can donate items instead. The boxes are due at school by Friday 25th October.

In Mathematics last term we learnt about time.

We made our own clocks, used hoops and rulers to make o’clock and half past times and we also played what’s the time Mr. Wolf?

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Dates to Remember

2nd November: Family Fun Fair
7th November: Grandfriend’s Day
11th November: Remembrance Day
18th November: Year 1’s presenting at assembly