Welcome to Year 1

Teachers
Mrs Rebecca Clarke

Education Assistant
Miss Ellie Press

1. Prayer & Welcome

2. The School Day

Our classroom door will generally open around 8:30am. Children are expected to unpack their own bags and set up their work station for the day. First bell rings at 8:40am with siren at 8:45am.

The timetable for Term 1 is below. It can also be found in your child’s Communication Book. Children are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday and Thursday and ensure they have their library bags and books on Wednesday.

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If you need to remove your child from the class during the day, you will need to sign him/her out from the office. This will need to be done before you come to collect your child. The same procedure applies if you arrive late in the mornings.

3. Curriculum

Religious Education is our main learning area with the Australian Curriculum fully implemented across English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities (Geography - Semester 1 & History - Semester 2), Health & Physical Education and The Arts. The outcomes, learning activities and common assessments will be reflected in both Year 1 and Year 1/2 to ensure that all Year 1’s are taught and levelled according to Year 1 national curriculum outcomes.

News Day if every Friday. Please encourage small items to show or a simple retell. News is a great way to develop oral language skills with a big focus on speaking and listening. Following news is a written activity.
Excursions are a big part of our learning journey, whether it's local or in Perth. Our aim is to have 1 excursion each term which will reflect what is being taught in class.

4. Assessment

Test books will be sent home two times each term. Once you have looked through the tests and work samples please sign the cover page and send it back to school.

Term 1 - Test Books (Week 7)

Term 2 - Test Books & Semester 1 Reports

Term 3 - Three-way Conferences & Test Books

Term 4 - Test Books & Semester 2 Reports

If you have any questions or problems throughout the year, please bring it to my attention immediately and don't leave it until the interviews. I am around in the mornings and afternoons for a brief chat, however, if you would like to have an indepth discussion please arrange a time after school where I can give you my full attention.

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5. Homework

The children have a Homework Folder which they are expected to take home each night and return the following day. Any notes to go home will be placed in this folder. The Communication Book is to be used to communicate with me and vice versa and should be checked every night for any additional information or timetable changes. Please date and initial any notes specific to your child so I know they have been received. If your child is absent please send in a written note or email the front office.

Reading Homework
- Reading books will be sent home next week.
- Children are expected to read their home reading book each night. Their reading log should be signed by an adult.
- The children take home a ‘Home Reader’ which is one level below their current reading level. At home, children have an easy book as they should be focusing on reading fluently, using illustrations and context clues to work out unfamiliar words or adding expression.
- Please inform myself if your child is consistently bringing home a reading book that is too hard.
- The children will read to myself, Ellie or a parent helper everyday and I will be testing them 1/2 times a month depending on their development.

Spelling Words
- Each week a list of spelling words will be sent home for the children to learn to read and spell. These words will be our focus in class and each child will be tested on the list at the end of the week.
6. Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct St Joseph’s uniform including footwear. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child’s name.

The school has a very strict NO HAT, NO PLAY policy therefore hats will remain in your child’s tub at school.

7. Assemblies

Assemblies are on Fridays at 8:45am in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre. The aim is fortnightly assemblies and parents are always welcome. If your child is receiving a merit certificate I will contact you to let you know either by phone or a note.

8. Birthdays

I am happy for treats to be sent in for children’s birthdays. Please ensure that they are nut free as we have a child with a nut allergy. If you are unsure please check with myself or Ellie prior. We currently have 27 children in the class.

9. Behaviour Management

Positive verbal feedback and encouragement will be strongly used in the classroom. Rewards such as stickers, stamps, free time or fun class activities will also be used.

Severe behaviour issues will be dealt with by Mrs Julie Booth, Head of Primary.

10. Parent Help

I am always happy to have helpers in the classroom. Listening to reading will be our focus this term. A roster will be placed on the door at the beginning of Week 5. Please sign in at the office before coming to the classroom and bring your Parent Participation Levy Form for me to sign.

11. Questions