



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are pleased to have the opportunity to teach your child in 2015. Our classes are called 1E and 1J and our rooms are located near the covered outdoor seating area and the drink taps. Please feel welcome to come and have a look in the classrooms so your child can show you around their new room. 1E will be taught by Mrs Simone Elliott and 1J will be taught by Mrs Anne Jones. Please remember that over the next 2-3 weeks classes may change due to new enrolments.

Our classes will be joining for some group work and other large-group activities. We will enjoy getting to know you better throughout the year and working together to enhance your child's education.

Days for library, sport and your child's news won't be set for a couple of weeks. We will send home details about these as soon as they are known.

Home Reading will commence next week. Please send in your child's home reading folder and we will provide some tips for successful home reading. We will start your child on a home reading level lower than last year to make sure they achieve success while they get back into it. Students will change their own readers before school and put them in the tub next to the door. We will show them how to do this. Home reading is a very important part of your child's development so please try and complete it most nights. If you are having difficulty making this an enjoyable time with your child, please speak to us. Students will be rewarded with a certificate each time they have read five times.

Please use the reading log to record your child's reading and make any comments you wish to.

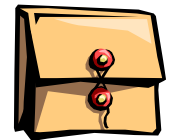
Homework will commence on the Friday of Week 3. We will send out a note about this then.

Please supply the following items for your child:

- 1 x Home Reading Folder
- 1 x Library Bag for borrowing books

*At this stage, all other items are provided in the classroom.

We are planning to have fitness activities every day and would appreciate it if your child wears appropriate footwear for these activities.



Helpers in the Classroom - If you or a friend or relative are able to provide assistance in the classroom, this would be greatly appreciated. Your children enjoy having you at school with them and you can really make a difference. The time we need the most help is between 8:50am-10am for checking home readers, listening to students read and helping with literacy groups, however anytime you can make it would be appreciated. Once our timetable is finalised, we will send it home with more opportunities for you to help out.

Class Blog -Don't forget to regularly check our class blogs on the school website for photos and news. You can also use the blog to submit absence notes and make contact with us. Please note that we often don't get these messages until after school.

Please let us know of any food allergies, health issues or anything happening at home that may have an impact on your child so we can be supportive in the classroom. We are looking forward to the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to come and see us or leave a message on the class website or at the office for us to contact you if you wish to discuss something. Our doors are always open.

We look forward to the year ahead,

Mrs Simone Elliott and Mrs Anne Jones (Classroom Teachers)

