Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to term 3. We can’t believe we are halfway through the year with your children! There are a few staffing changes this term as you are probably already aware:

- Mrs Skye Fenton and Miss Belinda Frewin are now teaching 1C. Mrs Fenton will be working on Monday and Tuesday and Miss Frewin will do the remainder of the week.
- Mrs Annette Wood will be teaching 1S on Fridays as Mrs Sheldon is working on a curriculum implementation project across our local community of schools.

Below is an outline of what we aim to cover in the various KLA’s this term.

**English**

**Writing**  The focus for the term is to teach the writing of information reports to the children. We will be writing various joint and independent pieces. We will also continue to write in our journals each week and in our "Drop everything and write books".

**Spelling**  Children will continue to move through the Magic 200 words. Spelling of core words, family words and sounds words will continue to be taught in class. Children are encouraged to complete their spelling homework booklet each week.

**Grammar**  Taught within the context of shared and guided reading and writing.

**Reading**  Shared reading – daily reading of various texts for enjoyment and cross-curricular learning. We are focussing on books by Julia Donaldson this term and examining how she uses various literary devices to create quality texts. This will of course culminate in our visit to a performance of ‘The Gruffalo’ at the end of term.

Guided reading – reading groups catering for the specific needs of the children.

Independent reading – home reading continues to be a very important part of year 1 learning. Children need to ensure they bring back their home readers each week. It is very important that children read orally to an adult or older sibling each day to build on their fluency and expression. Berowra Book Busters continues to run and your child should have brought home a separate recording sheet for this. We are no longer linking this to home reading. The aim is to have children seek to read extra books.

Drop everything and read (DEAR) at non-specific times of the day.

**Handwriting**  Handwriting is an ongoing focus throughout all Key Learning Areas. Specific lessons focus on the formation of letters, numbers, posture and pencil grip.

**Talking and Listening** – occurs in all KLA’s. We also have news topics and speeches, which continue to be a very important part of our curriculum. Please help your child to be prepared for their weekly news topic. Remember if they are presenting a PowerPoint presentation, please email it to your class teacher before their news day.
Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on consolidating and building on the concepts taught in term 2. Topics for the term include multiplication and division, place value, ordinal numbers, addition and subtraction strategies and recording methods, money (including adding money), fractions, 2D space (including various types of lines), mass, 3D space, area, length and time (focusing on half past and digital time). Topics will also be reinforced in Mathletics, which children can access at home and at school.

HSIE

This term in HSIE we will be doing a unit on The Need for Shelter. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore the need of people and other living things for shelter, and how built and natural environments can provide this. The unit focuses on the students' local area and safety needs in familiar environments.

Fitness/Sport

Fitness  Fitness continues to take place on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11am. Students will rotate between the year 1 teachers; learning various fundamental movement skills.

Sport  Year 1 will continue our Friday morning sport program for the term. Children are in mixed groups from the three classes and participate in different fundamental movement skills activities each week. During this time we encourage the children to show they are "good sports" and awards are handed out each week to children who the parent helpers and teachers notice are demonstrating that they are being a "good sport".

CAPA

Visual arts, music and drama will be integrated across our weekly programs. This term each class will spend one hour per week with Mrs Lukic doing dance. We're looking forward to our end of term concert already!

Crunch and Sip  Please ensure your child has a small amount of fruit/vegetable and a bottle of water for 'crunch and sip' time.

Interest groups  Year 1 Interest Groups will continue this term and will be on a Friday afternoon. Students will rotate amongst the year 1 teachers. Mrs Wood will be focusing on visual arts, Mrs Clayton will focus on technology and Miss Frewin will focus on drama.

Each class has other activities during the week.

1A has library on Friday and dance on Wednesday with Mrs Lukic.

1C has library on Monday and dance on Wednesday with Mrs Lukic.

1S has library on Monday and dance on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Lukic.

All year 1 need to wear their sport uniform each Friday for grade sport.

Important dates:

Monday July 28  – NAIDOC day
Tuesday July 29  – Open Day
Wednesday August 20  – Book Parade
Friday Sept 12  – Gruffalo performance

Thanking you

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Year 1 class teachers