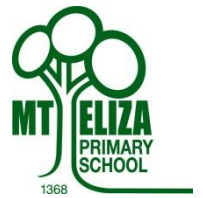




## YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER WEEK 1, 2017



Welcome to all our Year One students and their families for 2017!

It's lovely to see the happy faces of all our students ready to get stuck into the fresh learning activities that await them this term. We would like to outline some basics of our practices in Year One.

### TAKE HOME READERS

Take home reading will commence Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. The children's yellow reading record book is to be carried inside their reader bag, where you may write the name of the book as you listen to your child read. Try and read every evening with your child and ensure reader bags are in their bags to go to school every day.



Please take a moment to read over some helpful information inside your child's Spelling Homework book, (also inside reader bag) to assist your child with strategies to decode words while they read.

### SPELLING HOMEWORK

Every week we will introduce a new phoneme (a spelling choice) which will be the focus during class time. M100W, M200W and M300W will continue both in class and as the focus for homework. Please see inside your child's spelling book for more information on the expectations of spelling homework.

### MATHLETICS

Children will be provided with log in details (glued inside spelling book) to enable them to participate in this excellent Mathematical program. We encourage all students to get involved with Mathletics at home if they have a computer or IPAD available for their use. There will also be opportunities during class time to engage in this program at school. Mathletics presents numeracy concepts to children according to the curriculum in a fun way, providing challenging and sequential learning which provides invaluable reinforcement for concepts taught in the classroom.

### NOTICES AND NEWSLETTERS

These will come home inside reader bags. Please return any notes to school as well as lunch orders via reader bags. Please ensure money is tightly sealed in envelopes, sticky tape the gaps. Frequent fall outs occur!

### NUT AND FOOD ALLERGIES

As a blanket rule to avert possible reactions, we ask children not to share contents of their lunch boxes. Of course, special days such as birthdays when platters of cupcakes etc. arrive, this is a different matter, providing the goodies are nut free! Any queries regarding food sensitivities/allergies please alert your child's teacher just to be sure.

## **NAMED ITEMS**

Please make sure ALL items of clothing and other possessions are clearly named, including lunch boxes and lids.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

This term our integrated study theme is based around life in rock pools and the sea. It would be great if children can bring something along these lines to share.

## **READING AND GRADE HELPERS**

We expect to have our full reading program running by week 4. A note from your teacher will come home shortly for you to indicate your interest to assist with classroom reading.

## **PARENT GRADE CO-ORDINATORS**

A note will also be arriving home regarding nominations for a parent rep to co-ordinate matters involving the whole grade, such as social support and communications within the family community. The main role is to be a central point for in-grade communication organising social events, etc.

## **GOT TIQBIZ?**

We recommend that you get connected to Tiqbiz - a convenient app which will help you stay connected to school news and grade information. To access Tiqbiz download the app and then follow the prompts. Select Grade 1 and Whole School to access Grade 1 information.

## **SPARE CLOTHES**

If you feel it may be a necessity please ensure NAMED spare pants, socks, undies are always in your child's school bag, just in case!

## **A LITTLE REMINDER AND A TIP OR TWO**

**Timely Arrival:** Children must be at school by 8.40 am, the bell goes at 8.45 am. Students arriving to school after 8.50 am must report to the office with their parent for a late slip. Tardy arrivals are not good for the child involved and impacts on the running of the grade at this crucial time when teachers are setting up the day. We are sure you will appreciate this and will make every effort to ensure timely arrival with big smiley faces!

**When Preparing Lunch Orders:** Loose change often makes holes in paper bags or finds a gap in envelopes. Enclose money in a baggie, or use a rubber band to ensure your child receives the goodies he/she is expecting!

**If You Wish to Discuss Something with Your Child's Teacher:** All of us in the Year One team are happy to follow the "open door" policy, you are very welcome to pop in before 8:40am and after 3:15pm. For one on one discussions with teachers secure a mutually agreeable time so your teacher can give your concerns a proper hearing without distractions.

## **.....AND FINALLY!**

Any questions, concerns or comments please let us know, pop through that open door...