Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One. The following is a brief outline of what is planned for this term in each of the following Key Learning Areas.

**Diary Dates**

The 'Diary Dates' will give you an idea of what’s happening this term.

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<td>Thurs 13th Feb</td>
<td>Opening School Mass (9.30am)</td>
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<td>Mon -Tues 16 &amp; 17th</td>
<td>Meet the parents meetings</td>
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<td>Wed 18 Feb</td>
<td>Ash Wednesday Mass (9.30am)</td>
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<td>St Matthew's community gathering (3.30pm)</td>
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<td>Tues 3rd March</td>
<td>K-4 Canberra Theatre</td>
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<td>Mon 9th March</td>
<td>Canberra Day Public Holiday</td>
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<td>Thurs 12th March</td>
<td>Year 1 Excursion - Calthorpes House</td>
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<td>Mon-Fri 16th</td>
<td>Family Week - no homework</td>
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<td>Thurs 24th March</td>
<td>Learning Journeys (3.10-6pm)</td>
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<td>Whole school Holy Celebration (11.45am)</td>
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<td>Fri 3rd April</td>
<td>Good Friday</td>
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<td>Mon 6 April</td>
<td>Easter Monday</td>
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<td>Year 6 Leadership Prayer Ceremony (12.30pm) Last day of Term 1!</td>
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**Religious Education  Creator God**

Students will learn about:
- God’s Presence in the world
- God’s gifts of creation
- Places that express the creative power of God

Students will learn to:
- Name ways that God is present in the world
- Creatively represent God’s gifts of creation
- Identify the wonder of God’s creation experienced through the senses

**English**

The children will be taught according to the three strands - Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing. Please encourage your child to read each night for 10 minutes.

Our main text type this term will be: Recounts. We will look at the long and short vowel sounds and blends in spelling, and we will be exploring nouns and verbs in Grammar. We will also be teaching students how to construct a sentence correctly.

**Homework**

The children will receive their homework on a Monday afternoon and it is due back in the classroom, completed by Friday afternoon. We ask that children read for at least 10 minutes each night. Homework will commence in Week 3.

**Japanese:**

Japanese will be with Mrs Anne Hodgkin in 1M and 1B on Monday.
Mathematics
This term our major focus areas will be: Whole Number, Addition, Subtraction and Grouping. Students will be taught skills to recognise and develop their understanding of patterns in numbers.

History
The unit for this term is 'Present and Past Family Life’. The Year 1 curriculum provides a study of present and past family life within the context of the students' own world. Students learn about similarities and differences in family life by comparing. Some focus points are:
- Explain how some aspects of daily life have changed over recent time while others have remained the same.
- They describe personal and family events that have significance.
- Where do we live? (Mapping)
- What has changed since our Grandparents' day?
- How we are connected to the past?

Science
The unit for this term is 'Spot the Difference'. Students will learn about how heating or cooling a food can change its properties and whether they change or if they can be reversed or not. Students learn to:
- Identify everyday materials and their properties.
- Observe and describe changes to the properties of everyday materials.
- Follow directions to conduct a simple investigation about how materials can change.
- Make and share observations.

Sports/Personal Development
The Personal Development unit this term is called ‘Who Am I?’ Children will describe characteristics that make them both similar to others and unique. Our sport focus for weeks 1-5 is on Ball skills and from weeks 7-10 we will participate in a Gymnastics program. We will also complete a Gross Motor program. The children will participate in the school cross country and will complete activities in class to prepare them for this event. Sports days are Tuesday and Thursdays.

Information Communication Technology
We will also expose the students to educational games through the use of the IWB and Ipads regularly in the classroom. Each classroom has three new laptops. Ipads will be used for literacy and Mathematics. Students will be given a study ladder password with set tasks to complete that correlate to the class program. Library computers will be integrated with some lessons.

Visual Arts
Our Visual arts unit this term will be investigating colour through a mixture of mediums and appreciating artists. Visual arts with be integrated with Science.

Performing Arts
Music is held for a 45 minute session with Mrs Susan Curbishley on Wednesdays. This term the students will be exploring rhythms in simple times, beat and percussion scores

Library
Children require library bags to borrow books on Wednesdays.

General Information
- Art shirts/smocks are required (preferably waterproof)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 tea towel for lunch
- Water bottles
- Please name ALL personal belongings.

Your child will be bringing home a number of books when they arrive. They will need to be covered and returned ASAP.

Year One Teachers
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