



## Welcome back to Year 1, Term 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have an exciting and busy Term 4 so please read and make sure you note our important upcoming dates.

### Dates to diarise

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**Assemblies - Thursday's** on the outdoor stage from 2:20 – 3:00pm

- **Thursday** 25<sup>th</sup> October
- **Thursday** 5<sup>th</sup> November
- **Thursday** 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- **Thursday** 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Special events** (details to follow closer to the dates)

- 23<sup>rd</sup> November White Ribbon Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> November Volunteers Thank You lunch
- 6<sup>th</sup> December Poetry Incursion
- 7<sup>th</sup> December End of Year BBQ
- 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Service
- 11<sup>th</sup> December K-1 Presentation
- 18<sup>th</sup> December K-1 End of year Picnic Lunch/Randwick's Got Talent for K-1
- 19<sup>th</sup> December last day of term for students

### Homework

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Homework will be issued every Monday, in Week 1 it will go home on Tuesday to get started straight off the mark. It is to be returned to class every Friday morning. Homework should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per day.

#### Homework routines will include;

1. Daily reading for 10-15 minutes from the student's Home Reading book. This includes discussing the book with your child. Parents needs to sign and date the Home Reader Log Book every day and the 4 reading books are to be returned on Friday.
2. Spelling activities set in the spelling workbook.
3. Maths Mentals set in the textbook.
4. Online homework – One set Maths Seeds and optional Reading Eggs/Reading Express activities to support reading.

**Remember to mark your child's homework with them as they complete it. Instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.**

### Key Learning Areas

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**English** Literacy is an integral part of all learning throughout the entire school, this term students in Year One will focus on ways to inform and entertain. Literacy components are Reading and Viewing, Writing and Representing, Speaking and Listening. Comprehension and vocabulary development are integral to your

child's development. We will be focusing on various comprehension skills such as 'compare and contrast' and 'cause and effect'. We will have a writing unit based on Narrative writing and another on poetry, which I am sure you will hear about from your child, as it is a lot of fun and entertainment for all.

**Mathematics** The 3 Mathematics strands are Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. The focus on hands on materials is an important part of learning in Mathematics. Our topics this term include fractions, addition and subtraction, volume and capacity and problem solving skills.

### **Geography**

This term we are continuing the unit entitled "Features of Places". Students will continue to explore the features of, and activities in, specific places. We will look at how we care for places and how some places can be used for different purposes.

### **Science/STEM (Science, technology, Engineering and Maths)**

In class we will continue our STEM topic called 'Sounds and Light'. Students learn about how sound is produced through vibrations of objects, creating different sounds and investigating how the loudness, pitch and types of sounds can be changed based on the action used to produce them. Students now have access to our new Ipads and this is integrated into all areas of learning as well as using it as a tool to access written and visual information.

**PDHPE - Personal Development, Health, Physical Education** This term our focus is on Drug Education, Sun Safety. The sport component will be provided once again by Transform Us along with individual class fitness activities.

**Creative Arts** This term students will be looking at Vincent van Gogh and in particular his landscape paintings. Students will look at the materials and techniques he used to create such well-known paintings as Starry Night. They will create their own landscapes and cityscapes in the style of van Gogh.

### **Staying in touch**

- If you wish to discuss your child's progress with your class teacher please arrange an appointment by calling the school office, emailing or send a note. Reports will be sent home at the end of this term.
- The Randwick School Newsletter is available fortnightly and contains information related to school activities. Please ensure your email contact details are up to date with your class parent and the school office so you are on the distribution list for newsletters and classroom emails. Skoolbag is our main form of mass communication to families, install the app on your phone or tablet to stay up to date. Teachers will also communicate important information and reminders through the Class Parent. If you are not receiving these emails please contact your classroom teacher. Permission notes will continue to be sent via CareMonkey, please fill out these e-forms to give your child permission to participate in school related activities.
- If your child is absent from school please ensure you send a note to your child's class teacher or email the school office. The school office email is [randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, can you please alert them on the day they are absent. Ph. 9398 7653

### **Excursions/Incursions**

Students will participate in weekly Coding sessions provided by Scope Education. An incursion has been planned to support our creative writing focus on Poetry. More details are to come as we get closer to our date as mentioned in the 'dates to diarise'.

### **Car Park**

A reminder for all families that children and parents are not to be in any of the car parks in the morning. Please do not walk through the car parks or use them to park your cars. The car parks are for school staff only between 8:30am and 4:30pm. For your children's safety, use the pedestrian gates in front of Care Centre.

### **Birthdays!**

We love sharing and celebrating birthdays in class. If you wish to send in something to celebrate your child's birthday please send cupcakes as they are easy to share and **no** lollies or lolly bags.

### **Preparations for 2019**

Please fill in the form for your child's language preference that will begin in 2019. The note will come via CareMonkey and if you don't have an account with CareMonkey your teacher will send a note home for you to complete and return to class. It is due on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Please remember to:**

- Complete late or early leaving notes for your child to the school office at the time of the pick up or drop off.
- Ensure that your **contact details** and any **medication** details are always kept up to date.
- Labels on all your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

All Year One teachers wish you and your child a safe, happy and successful Term 4!