Welcome Back!

Welcome to Year 1/2! Firstly, we would like to thank you all for preparing your children so well for the beginning of the school year. They all entered the classroom on the first day confident, comfortable, happy and ready to start what we feel, will be a fantastic year!

We are very lucky to have 3 staff members in our classroom, Deanne Thompson, Jaki Phillips and Tracey Bennett. Deanne will be in on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Jaki will be in each Wednesday and Tracey will be in every day as an aide assisting us all.

Show and Tell

This year we will be conducting our Show and Tell a little differently. Students will bring home a Show and Tell Bag when it is their Show and Tell Day. They can fill it with special things they would like to share with the class. Please try to keep the items to 2-3 things that they can discuss in detail. They will be asked to describe their items, tell us why they are special and answer questions from their classmates. Please encourage your child to bring items that have meaning, for example, photos of special times in their lives, favourite story books, things they have made themselves, sport awards or other achievements they have experienced. On their Show and Tell day they will also be a class leader, giving them responsibilities and roles within our classroom.

VCOP

VCOP is a writing program which stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. It encourages students to think deeper about the writing process and offers many tools to assist them with their writing. Part of the VCOP program is the Big Write. This is where students have the opportunity to demonstrate all of the skills they have learnt that week through our VCOP activities. Once they have completed their writing task, they then review their writing, identifying the “WOW” words, openers, connectives and punctuation they used.

Home Reading

You will have noticed that your child has brought home their reader bags with a book to record their reading practise along with a reading book. Please record what your child reads each night and encourage them to change their reader every day. This is extremely important to assist in your child’s reading progress.

All about me

The topic we are covering in Term 1 is All About Me. We will be covering a lot of activities in relation to student’s families and friends, activities they participate in outside of school, recreational activities and how this all compares to the past.

Hats

As we are in Term 1, students are now required to wear their hats every recess and lunch time. Please ensure that your child has their hat each day and that it is clearly labelled so we can try to track it down if it goes missing. It is best if they leave their hats in their lockers each day and we will send it home at the end of term 1.

Brain Food

Each morning at around 10:00am we have a short break where the children are encouraged to eat a small, healthy snack in order to keep their brain working well! Brain food can include fruit, vegetables, yoghurt or cheese, so please try to include at least one healthy snack for them to have during this time.

Slinky Apples

Fridays will now be our “Slinky Apple Day”. Children can bring an apple from home and put it through our machine that will peel the apple and transform it into the shape of a slinky.
Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

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While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

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This story can fit 75-125 words.

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If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

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“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”
This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

We’re on the Web! example.com