Welcome to the Grade One Learning Community!

Welcome to Grade One! The grade one students are lucky to have some familiar and new teachers this year. We look forward to getting to know all students and families and especially welcome those who are new to our wonderful school. Although each student has a home group teacher, the grade one teachers work closely together with the students and you can speak to any of us if you have a question or message about your child.

More personal matters can be dealt with directly by your child’s ‘home group’ teacher or the Grade One team leader, Amanda Morgan.

The grade one students and teachers have been busily setting up classroom routines, expectations and learning spaces over the first couple of weeks and have spent time working though activities which promote healthy brains and bodies.

---

**Home Group Teachers**

Grade 1 A and team leader — Amanda Morgan
Grade 1 B — Chloe Gray
Grade 1 C — Mark Galletti
Grade 1 D — Megan Jefford

**Specialists**

Creative Arts — Marielle Caruana
Physical Education — Paul Maisey & Kate MacCubbin
Japanese — Daniel Jerabek
Science — Katy Carmichael

---

**Dates to remember:**

**Thursday 3rd March**

Japanese Culture Day
(start planning your Japanese costume)

**Holidays to remember:**

Monday 14th March
Labour Day
Parent Helpers Wanted!

Throughout the year there will be opportunities for you to come into the classroom as a classroom helper or to come along on excursions. You must have a current Working with Children Card to do this.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

If you would like to help on a regular basis in the classroom please fill in the classroom helpers note and return to Amanda Morgan as soon as possible.

LOST PROPERTY...If your child has lost an item of uniform the first place you should check is the sick bay via the office. If it’s not there please come in and ask one of the teachers after school. We also have a tub in each of the Grade One classrooms with lost and found items i.e. Lunch containers, toys etc. Please pop in and have a look if you are missing something.

We kindly ask that parents avoid coming into the classroom and corridor area unnecessarily. This is due to the fact that we are all working together in the open space and it can be distracting to other people working in the room. The children can say goodbye to their parents when they line up outside in the morning. We encourage the children to be independent by carrying their own bag and walking in with the teachers.

If your child is late or needs to leave early they can be signed in/out at the office.

If there is something you need to speak to your child’s teacher about please feel free to pop in to make a suitable time.

Notes And Money

Please make sure that all notes and money that come to school are clearly labelled with your child’s name and what it is for e.g. book club, and safely sealed in an envelope or plastic bag.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available everyday of the week, however the preferred day for Grade Ones to order is on:

THURSDAYS.
**Important Reminders**

- Just a reminder that the children **must** bring their reading folder to school **every day**.

- Children need to bring in a **library bag** so they can borrow a book from our school library. They visit the library fortnightly!

*’No hat? No Play!’*

The rule for terms 1 & 4 is ‘no hat, no play!’

We ask that children leave their hat in their locker at school so that

“You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose” — Dr. Seuss.

---

**Fresh Fruit Fridays**

Every Friday the school provides the children with a variety of fresh fruit for their snack. We encourage children to bring **only** fruit, yoghurt or cheese for their snack on this day. This is to promote healthy eating habits.

---

**Water Bottle Stations**

Our Grade One classrooms now have a ‘water bottle station’ and water monitors. We would like all children to place their water bottle on the station table each day to allow for easy access to water during class times. As a part of our ’Learning to Learn’ program we will be discussing healthy eating and the importance of staying hydrated to our bodies and brains.
Homework!

The Homework Matrix will be handed out to students this week with 1 Homework task due every Friday. If for some reason your child cannot hand in their homework for a particular week please speak to their home group teacher. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Student Absences

It is very important to advise the school of any absences your child may have from school. This can be done by logging onto your parent portal of COMPASS, by emailing the office on the day/s of absence or by sending along a note to your child’s teacher on the day that they return to school. All absences will be followed up so we appreciate your help in making this an easy process.

Also, we understand that from time to time students arrive late to school. On these oc-

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays with the children! If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to bring in some treats you can either: bring something for all children in both home groups (approx. 40 children) or just bring something for your child’s home group (approx. 20 children).

Let’s be on time!

Please do not feel like you have to bring anything along!

Food Allergies

We do have some children in our learning community who are allergic to nuts and eggs.
What are we learning about in Term 1?

This term, the Grade One Learning Community is exploring the variety of communities to which we all belong (family, school, local, national and global). Students will discover the many cultures that make up our country and develop an understanding of diversity.

In Reading we are learning about:

- Visualising
- Predicting

In our Library sessions, we will be reading books written by Dr. Seuss, such as ‘The Cat in the Hat.’

In Writing we are focusing on:

- Recounts
- Descriptions
- Explanations

In Numeracy we are focusing on:

- Data collection and graphing
- Place value
- Addition
- 2D Shapes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>THE ARTS</th>
<th>PHYS. ED.</th>
<th>JAPANESE</th>
<th>Science</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Marielle Caruana</td>
<td>Paul Maisey Kate MacCubbin</td>
<td>Daniel Jerabek</td>
<td>Katy Carmichael</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 A -</td>
<td>Amanda</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Tuesday (Paul Maisey)</td>
<td>Monday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ms Morgan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 B -</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Tuesday (Kate MacCubbin)</td>
<td>Monday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ms Gray</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 C -</td>
<td>Mark</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mr Galletti</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 D -</td>
<td>Megan</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Friday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miss Jefford</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled art smock. These will be kept in lockers ready for art sessions. Also ensure your child is wearing their runners on the day of their PE lesson.