

# FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## WELCOME TO YEAR ONE - 2016



The teachers in Year One are proud of the quality learning environment they are creating to ensure that your child feels happy and safe at school. We are looking forward to a very exciting and challenging year working with you and your child.

We are hoping for your involvement both in the classroom and at home as we work together to meet the learning needs of our students. We are happy to discuss with you any concerns that you might have regarding your child's progress.

**Mrs J Cooper**  
Assistant Principal

**Ms J Fountain, Mrs B Sharma,  
Mrs V Zanon, Ms K Sequeira,  
Mrs L Garzaniti, Ms M Gengaroli**  
Year One Teachers



### School Discipline Code

*Be proud of our school.*

*Be happy and safe at school.*

*Be an active, cooperative learner.*

*Be respectful of people, property and our school.*

*Be in the correct place at the correct time.*

### SCHOOL BELLS

- **8.45am** This indicates that teachers are on playground duty to supervise students.
- **9.10am** Please ensure that your child is at school on time to assemble in class lines for morning assembly. Parents are requested to stand at the back or the sides of the assembly. This helps everyone receive important messages and promotes independence in your child.
- **11.15am** Recess (11.30-11.50 on Fridays)
- **12.50-1.40pm** Lunch. The first 10 minutes is supervised eating time. Students play from 1pm.
- **3.15pm.** Year One students are to be collected from their classroom. Please inform the class teacher of any changes in the collection of your child. If your child has not been picked up by **3.30pm** they will be taken to the office where parents will be contacted.

### IMPORTANT REQUESTS

Parents and caregivers are asked to ensure:

- Your child attends school every day.
- Your child is at school on time as valuable teaching and learning takes place in the first part of the school day.
- If you are picking your child up before home time you must **first get a yellow slip** from the office.
- Your child wears full school uniform, including hat, every day. The school follows the "No Hat, No Play" policy.
- Your child has a **healthy** recess, lunch and drink each day.
- **ALL** clothes and property are clearly **labelled** with your child's name and class.

### THE CURRICULUM

Students in Year One are working to achieve Stage One outcomes. Teachers develop childrens' skills and knowledge in all key learning areas by using modelled, guided and independent teaching strategies. Children will receive a report on their progress in Term Two and Term Four. Parents have the opportunity to have a formal interview with their child's teacher during Term 2 or at any other mutually convenient time.

## GRADE ROUTINES

### Speech Pathologist

A Speech Pathologist will be working in each Year One classroom with some children.

### Occupational Therapist

An Occupational Therapist will be working in each Year One classroom.

### RFF

During Term 1 the children will be working with the RFF teachers on a series of integrated units. We are looking forward to seeing some very exciting classroom displays of childrens' work. Year 1 RFF will be on Mondays 12:20 – 3:15. The RFF teachers are as follows:

1F – Mrs Betts

1M – Ms Seyis

1B – Mrs Chalmers

1G – Mr Panagiris

1S – Mrs Madison-Waldon

1Z – Mrs Maggs

### Homework

The children in Year One will be given 10-15 minutes of homework each night. This will include a weekly spelling list and a home reader. Please take the time to listen to your child read and to celebrate the success of his or her day. Homework will be given out each Monday and is to be returned on Fridays.

### Scripture

Scripture classes are offered for Anglican, Catholic and Islamic students every Thursday morning. Students not attending one of these scripture classes will take part in supervised, non-scripture activities.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Each child in Year One will be given the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Classroom teachers will use the Premier's Reading Challenge book list as part of a class based literature program.

### Library

Year One students will visit the library and have the opportunity to borrow books. Please ensure that your child has a fabric library bag clearly labeled with their name and class. Library bags can be purchased from the front office.

### Money Matters

Money for excursions and activities needs to be sent to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class, amount and purpose of payment.

Lunch orders are to be placed at the canteen between 8.45 and 9.00am. Students can make small purchases from the canteen during recess and lunch.

Banking is available to students through the Commonwealth Bank on Tuesdays.

### Toys and Valuable Items

Children need to leave toys and valuable possessions at home. Lost or damaged items cannot be replaced.

### **Birthdays**

We acknowledge and value the celebration of your child's birthday at school. It would be greatly appreciated if you could:

- Speak with your child's teacher prior to bringing any cakes as some of our students have allergies.
- Bring individual cupcakes, donuts or muffins at **12:45pm.**
- NO knives or candles to ensure the safety of our students.

### **K-2 Toilets**

Parents are **NOT** permitted to use the girls and boys toilets at any time.

### **Literacy**

Each Year One class will work with a learning support officer in reading. This allows the classroom teacher to provide both enrichment and support for identified students. This program is aimed at specific needs and may be delivered as part of a whole class, small group or individual instruction. Our learning support officers are as follows:

1F – Mrs De Filippis  
1B – Mrs Mariani  
1G – Mrs Rehana  
1M – Mrs Doble  
1S – Mrs Mason  
1Z – Mrs Fellow



### **Sport**

Sport will be held on a Tuesday afternoon. This will involve games, skill development and fitness activities. The children will need to wear their sports uniform to school on this day.

