



JUNIOR SCHOOL (YEAR ONE & TWO) TERM 1, 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to Wattle Park Primary for another exciting year! We hope everyone had a relaxing and fun filled holiday. We'd like to welcome Miss Ellie Cuolahan to the school, who will be teaching in 2B, as well as new students Kavya (1A), Holly (1B), Shreshth (1C) and Suliman (2A). The Junior School team can't wait to work with you and your children this year!

☀ Morning Routine ☀

When the music at 8:50am is played, this is time for students to come into the classroom, put down chairs, put away their bags, change their take-home books and hand in any notices. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child's teacher during this time.

Home Reading

It continues to be very important that daily home reading becomes part of your routine. You are encouraged to praise all attempts made by your child to trial new reading strategies that they have learned at school. Please sign the reading log each time your child has finished reading their book. Your child will be responsible for changing their reader and selecting a new book each day.

Integrated Units

Year 1 – "Rock Pool Discovery"

Students will explore different creatures and plants that inhabit a rock pool environment. Excursion to Rickett's Point.

Year 2 – "Under the Sea"

Students will investigate different creatures that live in the ocean. Excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium.

Year One - Cameron Close Reading

A special feature of the Year 1 literacy program is visiting Cameron Close, where students take a favourite book or take-home reader to share with a group of residents. Each Year 1 class will visit every Wednesday on a rotating basis throughout the year. The students eagerly look forward to their visits and develop close connections with the residents, who so generously give their time.

Year Two Sleepover

For your information, the Year 2 Sleepover is planned for Friday, 9th of November in Term 4.

Information Evening

We would like to invite you to our Information Evening on **Tuesday 13th February**. Sessions are from 6-6:45pm or 7-7:45pm.

Locations:

Year One: 1B classroom (flexible learning space)

Year Two: 2A classroom (main building)

Classroom Materials

We would appreciate if your family could donate a box of tissues and a bottle of pump hand wash to share with the students in your child's class. Due to OHS regulations we can only accept - **Coles Antibacterial Handwash Pump 250ml** or **Woolworths Select Handwash Antibacterial Original 250ml**.



Homework

Homework will be commencing in **Week 3**.

Parent Helpers

A notice to set up a Parent Helper roster for Term One will be sent home shortly.

Hats

It is **crucial** that all students wear a school hat in Term 1. If a student does not have a hat, they will be directed to play in designated shaded areas.

Communication Folder

Every student is required to bring their green communication folder to school every day. It is a handy place to put any notices, handouts and take-home books. **These can be purchased from the office for \$5.00.**

Library

Students will be attending library sessions each week and will require a **library bag** in order to borrow books.

We encourage you to pop in and say hello if we have not yet had a chance to meet. We value the partnership between school and home to support your child to be happy and achieve success in 2018.