



Welcome to Year One with Mrs Jones

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to teach your child in 2017. Our class is called 1J and our room is located opposite the Kindergarten rooms, in Mrs West's old room. Please feel welcome to come and have a look in the classroom so your child can show you around their new room.

1J will be taught by me, Mrs Anne Jones. The other Year One Classes are 1E taught by Mrs Simone Elliott, 1/2S taught by Mrs Samantha Smith and K/1F taught by Mrs Natalie Fairweather. Our classes will be joining for some activities and we will ensure that the Year Ones all have plenty of opportunities to play together. I will enjoy getting to know you better throughout the year and working together to enhance your child's education.

Library: I will let you know 1J's library day once it has been determined. Please send a library bag in with your child for borrowing.

Sport: We will have sport on a Friday and another day yet to be determined. Please wear sports uniform if possible.

News: Your child will have news once/week and has been told their news day. Students can bring in something to show the class, share a book or joke with the class or just talk about something that has happened.

Home Reading: Home reading will start in week 3. Please send in your child's home reading folder and we will provide some tips for successful home reading which I really encourage you to read. Students will change their own readers during reading groups. I will show them how to do this. Home reading is a very important part of your child's development so please try and complete it most nights. If you are having difficulty making this an enjoyable time with your child, please speak to me. Students will be rewarded with a certificate each time they finish a level. Please use the reading log to record your child's reading and make any comments you wish to.

Homework: We will start a small amount of homework at the end of Week 3. More information will be provided then.

Fitness: I am planning to have fitness activities every day and would appreciate it if your child wears appropriate footwear for these activities.

Helpers in the Classroom - If you or a friend or relative are able to provide assistance in the classroom, this would be greatly appreciated. Your child will enjoy having you at school with them and you can really make a difference. The time we need the most help is between 8:50am-11:00am for helping with literacy groups, however you do not have to stay the whole time and anytime you can make it during the week would be appreciated.

Class Blog -Don't forget to regularly check the 1J class blog on the school website for photos and news. You can also use the blog to see notes that have been sent, submit absence notes and make contact with me. Please note that I often don't get these messages until after school.

School App - Please make sure you have downloaded the school app as it is a great way to keep up to date with school news. If you need any help with this, please don't hesitate to ask me or speak to the front office.

The Scoop-Our School Newsletter - Our school newsletter is sent out electronically every Tuesday to keep you up-to-date with what's happening in our school. If you're aren't receiving it, please contact the front office.

Classroom Supplies - I would appreciate it if each child could supply the following items to help maintain our classroom supplies for the year: 2 glue sticks, 2 or more whiteboard markers for their use and 1 container of hand soap. At this stage, all other materials will be provided by the school.

Please let me know of any food allergies, health issues or anything happening at home that may have an impact on your child so I can be supportive in the classroom. Please don't hesitate to come and see me or leave a message on the class website or at the office for me to contact you if you wish to discuss something. My door is always open.

I look forward to the year ahead,

Mrs Anne Jones (Classroom Teacher)

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