



JUNIOR SCHOOL (YEAR ONE & TWO)

TERM 1, 2019 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 Mr Barrie Dege to the school, who will be teaching in 1A, as well as new students Ci Ci (1A), Winston (1A), Daniel (1B), Annie (1C) and Charlie (2B). We 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 READERS

It continues to be very important that daily home reading becomes part of your routine. 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. As part of this unit, there will be an educational experience to Rickett's Point (Monday 25th March – approx. cost \$15.06) and a Wild Action incursion (Friday 15th March – approx. cost \$13.62).

Year 2 – "Under the Sea"

Students will investigate different creatures that live in the ocean. As part of this unit, there will be an educational experience to the Melbourne Aquarium (Thursday 21st March – approx. cost \$31.86).

YEAR 1 - CAMERON CLOSE READING

A special feature of the Year 1 English 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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION

This year Wattle Park Primary School is using technology to share information about each area of the school. This innovation is INSTEAD of traditional parent information evenings. Individual meetings will be scheduled for the final week in Term One to outline each individual students' goals.

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**.



EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE LEVY

All educational experience costings are covered by the Educational Experience Levy - **Paid in your 2019 Parent contributions**. If individual students are selected to represent the school in sporting or academic events you will be required to pay for this separately, as this is not included the Educational Experience Levy.

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 2019.