

YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

TERM ONE, 2020

K/1N, 1C, 1M, 1W

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our returning families and a warm welcome to all the new families joining our school community in 2020.

Term One is an exciting time for students and teachers as we embark on another successful teaching and learning year. We look forward to a busy term filled with a variety of learning experiences aimed at challenging and engaging our students.

Meet our Teachers

- K/1N** Mrs Noelene Daguio
1C Ms Helen Chapple
1M Miss Crystal Morton
(Grade coordinator)
1W Miss Anna Wythes
(Mon, Tue and Wed)
Mrs Lauren McIlwhan
(Thu and Fri)

**If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please call the office to make an appointment.
9625 8807**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/02** Classes formed
13/02 Meet the Teacher evening
17/02 Library lessons begin
26/02 Scripture lessons begin
2/03 Premiers Reading Challenge begins
12/03 Welcome Evening
16/03 Induction Assembly
26/03 School Photos
6/04 Parent Teacher Interviews
8/04 Easter Happening
9/04 ANZAC Assembly
Last day of term

Focus of the Fortnight

Rooty Hill Public School is a PBL school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). PBL is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. PBL assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

As part of this process students are taught an explicit **Focus of the Fortnight** by their classroom teacher. These lessons enable students to develop the skills and knowledge needed to follow the school rules.

Care for our School, Care for Others and Care for Yourself

Term One Focus of the Fortnight

Week 1 and 2 *Always arrive at school on time*

Week 3 and 4 *Walk on hard surfaces and pathways*

Week 5 and 6 *Line up correctly in two straight lines*

Week 7 and 8 *Always say please and thank you*

Week 9 and 10 *Always wear full school uniform*

Week 11 *Respond politely when spoken to*

Home Reading and Premiers Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge begins March 2nd.

Students are encouraged to start reading now, keep a record of the books they read on their Home Reading Log.

More information is found on the following web address:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Homework - starting week 4

Weekly homework is based on the work that is being completed in class and provides students with an opportunity to consolidate new concepts and information that they have been taught. Students will be required to bring in an exercise book to be used for homework.

English

Students will study a range of texts and explore the theme of friendship. They will explore questions about how to be a good friend and the value of friendship. Students will examine the relationships between characters who are friends and look at the challenges they face and how they work through a series of issues and sustain their friendships.

Mathematics

Mathematics involves Working Mathematically, Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statics and Probability. Students will learn to ask questions and use known facts, objects, diagrams and technology to explore mathematical problems. They will focus on linking mathematical ideas and use appropriate language to explain mathematical strategies.