



Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers

We welcome you to Year 1! Our **Year 1 Teaching Teams** for 2020 are:

1B

- Year 1B will be taught by Mrs Kathy Bailey and she will be supported by Mrs Ronnie Hawkins while she has some valuable planning and collaboration time on Wednesdays.

1R

- Year 1R will be taught by Mrs Debbie Rennes and she will be supported by Mrs Alison Young while she has valuable planning and collaboration time on Wednesdays.

We also have an Education Assistant Mrs Tracey Bancroft providing both reading intervention and literacy support for both Year 1 classes.

Thank you for trusting us with the care and education of your treasured child. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun! Here are a few things as we begin the new year....

This is an overview of your child's learning this Term:

In **Religious Education**, we will begin by learning about Creation. This unit focuses on God the creator who is present in all of creation. The first creation story is presented. The focus for this story is: God the creator, the goodness of creation and creation as a reflection of God's love and goodness. Lent and Holy Week will follow as we move towards the Easter season.

In **English** our unit of work is based around a variety of texts that link with belonging. Children make connections between a text and their own lives. They identify the elements of a text and the relationship between words and images. We will focus on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently. We will further develop our sound and word knowledge to assist our spelling and writing capabilities. We will also focus on being able to retell the stories we read to demonstrate comprehension.

In **Mathematics**, our lessons will be varied across all strands, however there will be a strong focus on building a deeper understanding of numbers. For example- that they all consist of a numeral/symbol (7), a quantity (*****) and a name (seven). We will explore concepts such as 'more/less than', different ways to add and subtract and learn how to make groups and share collections.

In **Science and Technology** our unit of work is called **Energy Around Us**. In this unit students will engage with the physical world through the concept of 'Energy'. Year 1 will be introduced to the different forms of energy and the impact that it has on our everyday lives. Students will engage in the Design and Production process, generating design solutions and evaluating the success of their ideas.

This semester, the students will be starting studies in **Geography**. We will investigate the *natural* and *human* features of places. We will explore the reasons places change and identify the active role of citizens in the care of places.

In **Creative Arts** this term the children will be exploring colour in **Visual Arts** and will learn about the elements in **Music** and have the opportunity to count beats and play percussion instruments.

In **PDHPE** outside of the classroom students will practise using their Fundamental Movement Skills and engage in a Gymnastics program. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on **Thursday** and **Friday**. In the classroom students will learn how we are all unique and valued and that fair play is important during physical activity.

Library day for **1 B** is **Tuesday** and **Library** day for **1R** is **Monday**.

Please return any library books you have at home on your child's library day, in their library bag. Students without a library bag will be unable to borrow a book. This can be as simple as a shopping bag or pillowcase.

Compulsory Home Learning:

READING- This year your child will change their own home reader daily and be responsible for packing it into their **reading folder** to bring home. If you find your child is repeatedly bringing home the same book, please encourage them to choose a new one and let us know so we can do the same. Inside your child's reading folder you will see a yellow reading log book, each time your child reads their home reader, we ask that you fill in the log book which helps to inform us how often they are reading at home.

DIGITAL LEARNING- In the coming weeks the login details for **StudyLadder** will be written in the front cover of your child's yellow reading log book, this is an optional program that your child will be using at school but can also access at home if they wish.

One important skill we hope they achieve in Year 1 is to be able to tie their own shoe laces. Please assist them by practising this at home.

The school also has a facebook page which we regularly post whole school information, photos and share the children's learning on. Log in to your Facebook account and search 'St Joseph's Primary Port Macquarie' to like our school page.

IMPORTANT: Please note that whilst we post on Facebook from time to time, our main source of information will be in **Joey's Jottings** and the **School App**. Please ring the office if you have any questions about this.



We ask that you read our school newsletter every week which will be emailed to you. **Joey's Jottings** has all the information you will need with links to different online forms. You can find all the newsletters, including past issues, on the school's web page <https://www.pmacjlism.catholic.edu.au>. You can also access information through the School App. Please make these your primary source of information regarding your child's schooling.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year!

Kind Regards

Your Year 1 Teaching Team

To ensure your child's safety and reduce any potential anxiety, we like to be clear on the travel arrangements for your child. Please take a moment to complete the details below and return to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

My child in class will travel home as follows:

Please tick	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bus Please include which bus					
Home Lines Please collect from the Hall not the classroom or the class line on the way to the Hall					

Other information (if necessary)
