Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term. We hope both you and your children had a restful holiday. Below is an outline of this term.

**Author Visit — Michael Salmon — Monday 19th August**

**Book Week and Book Character Parade — Week 7 — Thursday 29th August — ‘Read Across the Universe’ — Book Fair Begins 28th August 3pm until 30th August 9:00am**

**K-2 Athletics Carnival — Thursday 5th September**

**Year 1 Excursion to the Art Gallery — planned date Thursday 12th September at an approximate cost of $17 — notes to go out in week 5**

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| **English**             | • During reading lessons students will study texts that involve them in reading for meaning and understanding. Please encourage your children to read daily at home and ask them questions about their reading.  
                          | • A Literacy unit will be based on the writings of Mem Fox.  
                          | • Literacy lessons will focus on procedure and discussion texts. Grammar lessons will be linked to the writing tasks.  
                          | • We will continue to study the whole school Ants in the Apple Spelling program.  
                          | • Some students may be on the Reading Recovery Program with Mrs Farmer or Mrs Robinson.                                                                                                                      | • Writing post test  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • rubric for writing  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • pre-test- spelling for Ants In the Apple  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • weekly spelling tests  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • Regular benchmark reading levels                                                                                                           |
| **Mathematics**         | • All aspects of the Mathematics syllabus will be taught this term. The focus is on students building on their current understanding.  
                          | • You can be of assistance by giving students the opportunity to develop Maths skills through the activities suggested on the Maths homework sheet. A new Mathematics Homework sheet will provide tasks to help with this term's content. | • Ongoing assessment of units studied                                                                                                                   |
| **Science and Technology** | • The units this term are “Good Clean Fun” and “Picture It”.  
                          | • Technology with Mrs Pekula who will be teaching the unit “Picture It”  
                          | • As well as finishing off our ‘glogster’ projects and beginning our new project called ‘storybird’                                                   | • teacher observation  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • informal assessment  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • anecdotal records                                                                                                                            |
| **HSIE**                | • The children will be studying two science units this term and next term will study two HSIE units.                                                                                                           | • teacher observation  
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                          |                                                                                                                                             | • anecdotal records                                                                                                                            |
| **PDHPE**               | • In Personal Development we will be looking at Child Protection, Growth and Development and Interpersonal Relationships.  
                          | • In sport your child will practise athletic based activities and gross motor skills.  
                          | • Sport continues on Thursdays so your child needs to wear their sport uniform including a hat.  
                          | • Our K-2 Athletics Carnival is on Thursday 5th September here                                                                          | • teacher observations  
                          |                                                                                                                                             | • anecdotal records                                                                                                                            |
Homework will continue to be given out weekly on a Monday and returned on the Friday. You will be invited to participate in a student led conference at the end of term as part of the assessment and reporting process.

There will be Year 1 vision screening for those children who bring back their permission notes on Wednesday 21st August – notes will be sent home shortly.

Whole school assemblies will now be held on Monday 5th August at 2pm in week 4 and Monday 9th September at 2pm in week 9.

We are looking forward to a busy and industrious Term.

Kind Regards

Year 1 Teachers Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Davis, Mrs Clark and Mrs Wall. Mrs Jo-Ann Sankey, Year 1 Supervisor