

Grade 1 Leatherwood



Information Booklet 2016

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Class Teachers: Mrs Sharni Rickards (Monday/Tuesday)

Miss Lauren Oakley (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

We are looking forward to the year ahead and are sure that it will provide many positive experiences for us all. We strongly believe that education for our children works best if there is close communication and support between school and home, so if you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact or drop in to see us.

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Home Reading

To enable and encourage reading improvement we strongly recommend that your child practices reading at home on a nightly basis. Students will be given levelled readers from school which they will take home to practice reading and information needs to be recorded in their Home Reading Log. Students will also be given their levelled words which they are learning to read and spell in class. These also need to be practiced on a regular basis.

Show and Share

Show and Share for Leatherwood students will take place first Term only. Students are encouraged to bring items to school that they can explain about to the class. Items such as photos, books and other treasures are a great idea. Toys are not encouraged. Students will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills throughout the year by participating in regular News Sharing, Circle Time, Weather Reporting, Class Meetings and participating in learning activities which incorporate speaking within groups and to the whole class.

Star of the Week

This year in Leatherwood we will be focusing on specific areas of building on student's self-confidence, creating positive self-image as well as identifying positive attributes in other students. One aspect of this will involve students having a turn at being the class 'Star of the Week'. In this role 'Star of the Week' will have special responsibilities in the classroom and will be invited to bring photos, a favourite toy and some special items along to set up their own display. Throughout the week classmates will help to compile a 'What makes me Special' portfolio about that student as a keepsake.

Specialist Lessons

Tuesday: Music with Ms Leigh Jobs

Wednesday: Library (please bring library bag)

Chinese with Miss Flora Cheng

Thursday: PE with Mr Simon Terhell (please wear sports uniform)

Grade 1 Curriculum

Grade 1 is an extremely important year, particularly for the development of literacy and numeracy skills. Your child will continue to practise skills such as learning to co-operate, problem solve and become independent and confident. Our aim is to provide an environment that is safe and supportive where children can make mistakes and learn from them. All efforts are praised!

Literacy

Our literacy program is based on the Australian Curriculum and consists of reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation, speaking and listening. Students will be given weekly individual spelling lists of up to 10 words in first term and these will be practiced formally at school on a daily basis.

Numeracy

Our numeracy program is based on the Australian Curriculum and is divided into Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. A particular focus is problem solving and using open ended tasks. Grade 1 will be particularly concerned with developing number sense (place value) and using basic operations with numbers.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education program aims to enhance and nurture each child's spiritual development whilst learning about the Catholic faith. Our curriculum is based on the document 'Good News for Living'. We regularly attend Mass and participate in school liturgies.

Integrated Studies

Our Integrated Studies program encourages each student's social growth and awareness of the world around them. It incorporates History, Geography, Science & Technology, Health, Drama and Art. We cover many interesting topics this term including identity, healthy bodies and chemical changes. ICT activities are integrated across all learning areas.

Healthy Eating

Each morning we stop for a fruit or vegie break at around 10.00am so please send along something for your child to eat. Following this, morning tea is at 10.55am. Lunch is at 12.50pm, it is always supervised and children are encouraged to eat their sandwiches/rolls first and then other treats. We also encourage water only in drink bottles.

Parent Help

Parent help is valued and most welcome! We would encourage any parents who are able to commit to being a regular classroom helper to let us know. Alternatively, if you are available to assist on a casual basis there is a roster on the window for you to add your name. All parent helpers must have their *Working With Vulnerable People* card. Please see the office if you need assistance to arrange this.

Naming Items

We strongly recommend that everything your child brings to school is clearly named. Please check uniform items as sometimes tags can fade or fall off!

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are held in March and July. Student reports are distributed in June and December.