Dear Parents

Hello and welcome to Term 1 in MacKillop. This term newsletter is designed to keep you updated with activities and events in our classroom.

We welcome Mrs Royce to our class as she will share the teaching with Mr May.

Thank you for your support in preparing your children for school. The new prep children should be proud of their progress with learning in the classroom and skills in the playground. They are coming to school with enthusiasm and a readiness to learn.

CURRICULUM

Religious Education: The children are learning some of the stories from the Bible and at present are looking at “Jesus Loves Us” and “Lent and Easter”. The children are all very keen to take an active role in Mass and will have opportunities each term. Please come and support them.

Literacy: Reading, writing and oral language continue each morning. The Speech-Sound Program we are using is supporting the children in reading and spelling, and now, for many of the class, their writing.

Maths: This term we will develop the children’s understanding of number and place value. Each week the children will have a measurement activity so you can support this at home with concepts of time, money, length, mass and capacity.

Physical Education: Miss Pearson will take the class for regular Phys-Ed and games sessions. These sessions will take place on Mondays so please provide appropriate footwear for active children.

Arts: Please take the time to look at our displays at school as the children enjoy the way we integrate
our art with areas of learning. The children will have regular craft and painting activities.

Music will include a range of rhythm activities, singing, instrumental performance and movement.

LOTE: Sun Yu has created much interest in our Mandarin classes. The children show great interest and enjoyment in learning a second language. This term will see some Chinese conversation included in the program. We will also hope to parade with our Chinese dragon.

OTHER ITEMS

Uniform: It is important to label all items of clothing and personal possessions. This includes shoes. Hats are to be worn in the yard this term. A written note is expected on any occasions your child is unable to wear correct uniform.

Parent Helpers: There are many opportunities for parent involvement in our school. Parent helpers are welcome in the classroom. If you wish to have a discussion with the teacher, please make a time with the teacher or through the office.

Homework: Children will not have take-home readers this term. Please encourage fun family reading times. We are happy to provide books to support this if required.

Maths homework is optional, with new work being set when each page is completed. Many children are motivated and enjoy these activities.

Regards, Peter May & Jamee Royce