**Year 1 Term 3 Overview 2014**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Three. Below is a detailed outline of what your child will be learning about during this term. It will also provide you with important information about the daily routines of your child’s class and expectations of your children.

**Key Learning Areas**

**Religious Education**

This term the students will explore the Creation Story. They will listen to and respond to scripture stories which teach that all people are created in the image of God. The students will make connections between their ideas of God and the way people live safely and happily in communities. They will identify their own gifts God has given them and the ways in which they can share these gifts with others.

**English**

Our English program this term includes an author study on Anthony Browne. Text types for this term include Recount, Narrative and Poetry all of which integrate with Technology. In spelling and grammar the children will continue to concentrate on sight words, blends, digraphs, adjectives, adverbs, punctuation and sentence structure. The children will continue to learn Word Attack strategies such as; using visual clues, stretching the sounds in the word out, read-on, chunking familiar sounds in words and re-reading. Comprehension strategies will include predicting, making connections, re-tell and questioning.

**Mathematics**

In Mathematics the children will continue to develop their counting and problem solving skills. The strands and units covered this term include:

Number & Algebra –

* Number and Place Value: Represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, portioning and rearranging parts.
* Patterns and Algebra: Investigate and describe number patterns formed by skip counting and patterns with objects.
* Money and Financial Mathematics: Recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.

Measurement & Geometry –

* Using units of measurement: Tell time to the half hour and describe duration using months, weeks, days and hours.
* Fractions and Decimals

Statistics & Ability –

* Data representation and interpretation: Collecting data and recording information using tallies, picture graphs and column graphs. Then interpreting the data.

**Science**

During the unit ‘Up, down and all around’ students will discover features in our environment that are constantly changing. They will learn that changes occur over time from very quick to extremely long and that changes are due to natural processes, such as the weather, and some are due to human activity, such as building and construction.

**History**

This term students will continue to learn about present and past family life.

**Technology**

This term students will continue to construct texts using a word processing document. They will learn how to insert supporting images into their document.

**Healthy and Physical Education**

This term, students will be involved in a ‘social skills’ program. The students will learn about; waiting their turn, sharing, resolving conflicts, managing their anger and standing up for themselves appropriately.

**Creative Arts**

During this term, students will participate in a directed drawing program. The students will learn how to use lines, shapes and colour to create an artwork that is appropriately sized and that clearly depicts an image.

**Term Three – Dates to remember**

* 100 Day Celebration – Friday 19th July
* 1U Assembly – Friday TBA
* 1L Assembly – Friday TBA
* 1F Assembly - Friday TBA
* Gold Coast Eisteddfod – Thursday 29th August

**Expectations of Children in Year One**

**All children are expected to:**

* Be punctual. The school day begins at 8.40 every morning.
* Wear full school uniform.
* Wear full sports uniform on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**
* Bring library bags for borrowing on **Tuesdays**. All children are expected to borrow weekly from the library.
* Return and swap home-readers daily.
* Follow class and school rules.
* Be responsible for their own belongings (please label **everything** that your child brings to school including lunch box, drinks etc…).

**Homework / Reading At Home**

* Students are responsible for returning their home-reader each day and swapping it for a new one.
* Parents are encouraged to read and listen to their child read each day. Please ensure you sign the tracker book each day.
* It is important that your child practices sight words or spelling each night.

**Specialist Teachers**

* **Creative Arts (Music) - Mr Parry**
* **Creative Arts (Drama) – Mrs McNamee**
* **HPE – Mr Davies**

These lessons run for 40 minutes each Tuesday.

Thank you,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Carlson